

SERVICE TYPE: Shelter

PROGRAM: Sacramento County Emergency Family Shelter Program

POPULATION IMPACT

ALL FAMILIES ✓ TAY ADULT VETERAN CHRONICALLY HOMELESS ADULT

LEAD AGENCY

Sacramento County Department of Human Assistance
Family shelter providers: Next Move and Volunteers of America (VOA)

COLLABORATING DEPARTMENTS/AGENCIES

Mary House
Mustard Seed
Loaves and Fishes
County Child Protective Services
Mather Community Campus Transitional Housing Program for Families and The Salvation Army's Transitional Housing for Families
Sacramento Unified School District and San Juan Unified School District

FUNDING

\$644,280 in one-time State HEAP funding through Sacramento Continuum of Care through June 2021. This augments annual County funding of \$1.56 million.

DESCRIPTION

Sacramento County's existing Emergency Family Shelter program has a capacity of 33 families per night. The HEAP expansion will increase capacity by seven additional families, for a total capacity of 40 families per night.

Families within the program receive connections to

entitlement benefits including CalWORKs cash assistance, CalFresh and Medi-Cal.

Families are also referred into re-housing programs such as, but not limited to CalWORKs Housing Support Program, CalWORKs Temporary/Permanent Homeless Assistance, and ESG Rapid Rehousing.

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The Family Shelter Program operates 24 hours per day, seven days per week with sleeping accommodations, access to three well-balanced meals per day, mail service, pet accommodations, housing focused case management services, assistance obtaining vital paperwork and referrals to resources. Next Move's program also includes diversion funding for a limited number of families.

ELIGIBILITY

Any combination of legal parent(s)/guardian(s) and at least one child under the age of 18 or 19 and in high school.

ACCESS

Families experiencing homelessness throughout the County sign up for shelter via the county's online shelter registration system. Families are prioritized on a list according to their vulnerability.

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Once a shelter vacancy is reported to DHA, staff contact families from the list to offer shelter and assist with transportation to the shelter if needed.

Families not immediately placed in shelter are connected to other stabilization services, including diversion assistance to prevent literal homelessness.

PERFORMANCE METRICS

With expanded services, the Family Shelter Program will shelter approximately 300 families annually.

- Families served
- Families diverted and stabilized
- Shelter utilization rate
- Exits to permanent housing and other destinations
- Length of stay