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| Family Housing Center Eligibility Form |

The goal of the Family Housing Center is to help you secure permanent housing by providing temporary housing and supportive services. In return, you are required to actively pursue your goals as outlined in the Program Agreement and meet weekly with your Support Specialist.

The Family Housing Center is designed to assist homeless families in establishing or regaining overall self-sufficiency and housing stability. For this program, a family is defined as a group of individuals with one or more parent or primary caregiver who has one or more children under the age of eighteen in their custody.

*It is our policy to not discriminate against any persons based on race, physical or mental disability, religion, national origin, sex, age, creed, physical condition, sexual orientation, gender identity, or expression.*

**In order to be eligible for this program, the following must be true:**

* The family must be residents of Missoula County, if not, refer to Out of Service Area Contract after completing this form.
* The family must be literally homeless, defined as:
  + Having a primary nighttime residence that is not meant for human habitation (i.e. car, tent)
  + Living in a temporary shelter
  + Exiting from an institution where they have resided for 90 days or less before which they were literally homeless
* The family must have children, under the age of 18 years, living with them at least 50% of the time. School-aged children must be registered and attending school within 7 days if they are not already enrolled.
* Families must be willing to commit to the program by meeting weekly with a Support Specialist and demonstrating that they are willing to take necessary steps to reach self-sufficiency and housing stability.

**Applicants are not eligible if any of the following are true:**

* The family is currently housed, is staying with relatives or friends (couch-surfing), or is staying in a hotel paid for by themselves or friends/relatives.
* The family does not have children living with them at least 50% of the time.
* The family is not willing to follow through with the goals developed with the Support Specialist.
* The family includes a registered sex offender (if there is more than one adult in the family, the rest of the family can still enter the program).
* Parent/guardians who test positive for methamphetamine will be asked to retest in 5 days. If a parent/guardian tests positive for any other drugs, they will be admitted but retested in 3 days at which point their levels need to have declined in order to continue staying at the FHC.

**I have read and understand the eligibility requirements. I am willing to participate in the program.**

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