

Eligibility:

- Must be an individual, family, or youth that qualifies as Chronic or Long-term homeless.
- Must meet income guidelines
- Must be referred through the Coordinated Entry System (CES) and want to reside in one of the following counties: Blue Earth, Brown, Faribault, Martin, Le Sueur, Nicollet, Sibley, or Watonwan.



Referrals:

All referrals for the South Central Supportive Housing Initiative (SCSHI) are received from the River Valleys Continuum of Care Coordinated Entry System (CES).

What is Coordinated Entry?

- A coordinated system-wide process for intake, assessment and referral to housing and homelessness programs and support systems.
- Intervention designed to reduce the number of days between the onset or threat of homelessness and exit out of homelessness.
- Required by federal (HUD) and state housing (MHFA) funders.

South Central Supportive Housing Initiative



For more information please contact the South Central Supportive Housing Initiative (SCSHI) Supervisor at (507) 304-4442.

The South Central Supportive Housing Initiative (SCSHI) works with individuals and families who qualify as Chronic and Long-Term Homeless.

What does “long-term homelessness” mean?

There are different federal and state definitions of long-term homelessness (LTH). Most simply put, long-term homelessness means lacking a permanent place to live continuously for a year or more or at least four times in the past three years.

LTH = 12 months or 4 episodes x past 3 years

South Central Supportive Housing Initiative (SCSHI) requests releases of information for professionals, such as financial workers, probation officers, shelters, etc., to verify history and episodes of homelessness.

What does supportive housing services mean?

Supportive housing is a successful and cost-effective combination of intensive case management supportive services and rental assistance subsidies to help people live more stable, healthy, and productive lives.

Operating principles:

- Housing First
- Harm Reduction
- Strength Based
- Flexible and Creative
- Person-Centered/Consumer Driven
- Intensive Case Management/Support Teams

Supportive Services may include assistance with the following:

- Outreach and engagement
- Crisis response
- Basic human needs/benefits assistance

- Behavioral and mental health support services, health and medical care
- Employment and training
- Education
- Parenting and children's services
- Housing services
- Chemical dependency

Enrolled participants of supportive housing services meet with their assigned social worker at least once per week.

Intended Outcomes:

- Stable housing
- Improve physical and behavioral health
- Increased safety
- Improved quality of Life
- Satisfaction with services.

