Income Initiatives
• Housing crisis is often the result of a financial crisis
• Millions of people are financially vulnerable to homelessness and housing instability
  • Reduction in work hours
  • Illness
  • Unexpected expense

Helping People Experiencing Homelessness Increase and Stabilize their Income is a Primary Goal of the Homeless Response System
Barriers to Employment/Income

- Lack of education or competitive work skills
- Lack of transportation
- Lack of childcare
- Disabling Conditions
The Way Home CoC Coordinated Access

- Integrates housing assessment with income assessment
- Matches people at risk for homelessness (DIVERSION) to Income Now Program or Shelters to Shutters
- Matches people experiencing homelessness (RRH/PSH) to:
  - SSI/SSDI Outreach and Recovery Program (SOAR) if unable to work due to diagnosed disability
  - Vocational Rehabilitation Services if client has a disability and wants to work
  - Employment programs if unemployed or under employed
Welcome

Welcome to The Way Home’s Partner Agency Portal: where the business of The Way Home Continuum of Care (CoC) happens!

The Way Home is the collaborative effort underway to prevent and end homelessness in Houston, Pasadena, Harris County, Fort Bend County, and Montgomery County, Texas. The Coalition for the Homeless serves as lead agency and HMIS lead agency to The Way Home.
Employment

- Can Improve
- Quality of Life
- Mental Health
- Social Networks
- Social Inclusion
It’s about work!

Vocational Rehabilitation

We can help!
INCOME NOW
Direct Referral to Workforce Solutions

The Way Home
Changing the Path for Houston's Homeless
- CH & other Source Providers
- Housing Assessments
- Shelters & TLC's
- PSH, RRH, Diversion

Income Now
- Referrals
- Navigator
- Support Services
- Housing & Employment

Workforce Solutions
- Employment Services
- TWH Jobs Program
- Work Support
- Child Care
If you Do Not have CA Workgroup Access send Referral via email to agleichenhau@homelesshouston.org
Add WFS Referral

Select Career Office Based on Zip Code

***Only select shelter if client is staying in that shelter***
Why we are committed to YES ...

Common Complaints about Employment Services --- we know --- and agree!
But let’s make sure we have captured some of them...

• NOPE List
  • Client must come to Career and Recovery Resources, Inc for services.
  • Client must be ready for “higher level jobs” or limited to the job they have currently
  • Case Manager or client have to find additional resources or have right docs before referral

• YES List
  Employment Team understands client housing segregation and transportation limitations... have laptop will travel!

  We start with what they have and build on that ... entry level is a big “START” if past that move to the next level! Pace and individuation is the method.

  Work to have all necessary barriers removed. Project ID is available at CRR twice a week, and if that doesn’t work, we will figure it out.

  Work “Stuff” – Have funding and resources, but will have limitations, so we start small and individualized (assessment sits with Employment Team)
Why we are committed to **YES** …

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But let’s make sure we have captured some of them…

**NOPE List**
- The client is left on their own once they get the job.
- It’s a one and done deal… Placement closes the deal and the services.
- Only “certain” clients are eligible for a referral.

**YES List**
Employment Team’s success is the client staying employable, getting a paycheck, working through barriers and supporting the goal of stable housing!

We restart as often as we can … expect at least six months to stability and many restarts. Our goal is to reduce the impact of restarts and new barriers. Employment like life is developmental.

Everyone can be referred, head of household and other adults. Be patient with us while we work out our own barriers!
HMIS Referral
Case Managers

- Follow up and other inquiries
  cesintake@careerandrecovery.org
- Work with CRR CCHP Income Support Staff
- Participate in Case Reviews
- Attend Team Meetings