
Definitions for Supportive Services In HUD's Homeless Assistance Programs

Applicants are advised that the supportive services proposed to be provided must be appropriate to the design of their project and the needs of participants. In addition, no SHP funds may be used to replace state or local funds previously used, or designated for use, to assist homeless persons

Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services are those activities that are primarily designed to prevent, deter, reduce, or eliminate substance abuse or addictive behaviors. Treatment services may include intake and assessment; treatment matching and planning; behavioral therapy and counseling appropriate to the client and the severity of the problem; substance abuse toxicology and screening; clinical and case management; outcome evaluation; and self-help and peer support activities.

Case Management Services are services or activities for the arrangement, coordination, monitoring, and delivery of services to meet the needs of individuals and families. Component services and activities may include individual service plan development; counseling; monitoring, developing, securing, and coordinating services; monitoring and evaluating client progress; and assuring that clients' rights are protected.

Counseling Services (See Mental Health and Counseling Services)

Child Care Services for children (including infants, pre-schoolers, and school age children) are services or activities provided in a setting that meets applicable standards of state and local law, in a center or in a home, for a portion of a 24-hour day. Component services or activities may include a comprehensive and coordinated set of appropriate developmental activities for children, recreation, meals and snacks, transportation, health support services, social service counseling for parents, and plan development.

Education and Instructional Services are those training services provided to improve knowledge, daily living skills, or social skills. Services may include instruction or training in (but not limited to) such issues as consumer education, health education, education to prevent substance abuse, community protection and safety education, literacy education, English as a second language, and General Educational Development (GED). Component services or activities may include screening, assessment and testing; individual or group instruction; tutoring; provision of books, supplies and instructional material; counseling; and referral to community resources.

Employment Services are those services or activities provided to assist individuals in securing employment; acquiring or learning skills that promote opportunities for employment, advancement, and increased earning potential; and in retaining a job. Component services or activities may include employment screening, assessment, or testing; structured job skills and job seeking skills; specialized therapy (occupational, speech, physical); special training and tutoring, including literacy training and pre-vocational training; provision of books, supplies and instructional material; counseling or job coaching; transportation; and referral to community resources.

Health Related and Home Health Services are those in-home or out-of-home services or activities that provide direct treatments or are designed to assist individuals and families to attain and maintain a favorable condition of health. Component services and activities may include providing an analysis or assessment of an individual's health problems and the development of a treatment plan; assisting individuals to identify and understand their health needs; providing directly or assisting individuals to locate, provide or secure, and utilize appropriate medical treatment, preventive medical care, and health maintenance services, including in-home health services and emergency medical services; provision of appropriate medication; and providing follow-up services as needed.

HIV/AIDS Services include HIV/AIDS primary and secondary prevention services, HIV/AIDS counseling and testing, primary care, provision of HIV/AIDS anti-retroviral and other medications, rehabilitative, and supportive services for persons affected and infected with HIV.