Is this program right for me?

Have you ended up homeless due to different situations and conditions in your life. Have you been evicted from your apartment or just have not had the financial resources to pay rent? Have you struggled to maintain an apartment then end up homeless on the streets or in a shelter?

Do you have a substance use disorder and does it affect your ability to secure or retain housing?

If these are some of the challenges that you are facing today, are you willing to make some changes and receive help?

Let the Home First Program help you.

Home First
506 North Main Street
Fall River, MA  02720
508-674-2788 X117
What can I expect if I participate in the program?

Home First provides 12 scattered-site housing units to chronic homeless men with substance use disorders in Fall River.

Men may reside in Home First permanently or may choose to transition into independent living as they develop the necessary skills and support systems to be self-sufficient in the community. Services include assistance with connecting to behavioral health treatment, obtaining employment, entitlements, living and coping skills as well as finding independent housing prior to discharge.

These skills, services, and supports empower men so they experience housing stability and an improved quality of life.

Who is eligible?

You must be a male, 18 years of age or older who is chronically homeless and have a substance use disorder in Fall River, Massachusetts, and willing to authorize a CORI check.

How do I apply?

All referrals, including those from social service agencies, homeless service providers, addiction centers, and self-referrals must go through Fall River's Coordinated Entry System, “The CALL, which can be reached by calling 1-800-HOMELESS.

If criteria are met an intake assessment is conducted on-site at the Home First office. Upon acceptance, the admission process begins.

Home First is funded by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under the City of Fall River Continuum of Care. No one is denied admission due to an inability to pay.

What services are offered?

Comprehensive case management services
Relapse prevention group sessions
Individual substance abuse counseling
Residential substance abuse treatment access
Independent living skills training
Employment training and placement assistance
Mental health treatment access
Psycho-educational groups
12 Step meetings and other AA/NA recovery related activities
24 hour crisis intervention services
Structured recreational opportunities
Referral to community-based collateral services, educational, medical care, domestic violence and other forms of assistance

I am grateful for the staff and all that the program has done for me. I know I would be back homeless on the streets by now if I hadn’t received the help.

~John