

Service Area

To qualify for services at Journeys, you must have a current or last permanent address in any one of these villages: *Arlington Heights, Barrington, Barrington Hills, Bartlett, Buffalo Grove, Deer Park, Deerfield, Des Plaines, East Dundee, Elgin, Elk Grove, Glencoe, Glenview, Golf, Hanover Park, Hoffman Estates, Inverness, Kenilworth, Lincolnwood, Morton Grove, Mt. Prospect, Niles, Northbrook, Northfield, Palatine, Park Ridge, Prospect Heights, Rolling Meadows, Roselle, Rosemont, Schaumburg, Skokie, South Barrington, Streamwood, Wheeling, Wilmette, and Winnetka.*

To Be Screened

To find out whether you qualify for this program, contact the Homelessness Prevention Call Center



877-4-COOK-15
(877-426-6515)



"Home is a shelter from storms, all sorts of storms."
William J. Bennett



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Providing a Continuum of Services for the Homeless and At Risk in North/Northwest Suburban Cook County

Rapid Re-Housing Program



Funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

In partnership with the Cook County Bureau of Community Development and the Alliance to End Homelessness in Suburban Cook County

Rapid Re-Housing: *Breaking the Cycle of Homelessness*

Stable housing for all residents has become a major emphasis in communities' strategy to end homelessness. By helping homeless households return to permanent housing, communities have been able to reduce the length of time people remain in shelters, thus decreasing public costs.

In 2009, President Obama signed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act which allocated \$1.5 billion to homeless prevention. **Journeys from PADS to HOPE** is one of the agencies that has been awarded funding under this program to be able to assist clients in gaining housing stability.

To be eligible, you must be able to demonstrate that you are literally homeless and meet at least one of these criteria:

- Sleeping in an emergency shelter
- Sleeping in a place not meant for human habitation
- Staying in a hospital or other institution for up to 180 days, but homeless prior to entry
- Graduating from or timing out of a transitional housing program
- Victim leaving a domestic violence situation

Eligibility

In order to qualify for this assistance, you must meet strict eligibility requirements, as follows:

- *Your total monthly household income must be no more than:*

<u>Household Size</u>	<u>Maximum Monthly Income</u>
1	\$2,200
2	\$2,513
3	\$2,829
4	\$3,142
5	\$3,392
6	\$3,646
7	\$3,896
8	\$4,146

- *You must have no other housing options, including the ability to relocate with a family member or friend*
- *You must demonstrate that you have the potential to succeed and show that you lack the necessary resources to house yourself*



Financial Assistance

Rental assistance
Rent/utility arrearage
Security deposit
Utilities and utility deposit
Hotel/motel voucher for up to 30 days
Moving assistance
Storage up to 3 months
Legal services to prevent eviction
Credit repair services

Program Requirements

- You must have an initial consultation and ongoing eligibility assessments
- You must agree to allow Journeys to share your information with other agencies
- You must be able to produce all required documentation, including but not limited to:

*Identification for all household members (social security card, drivers license or state ID, birth certificate for minors)

*Proof of income (last 3 pay stubs, letter from employer on company letterhead, award letters from Social Security or SSI)

*Documentation of current housing situation (letter from shelter, agency, hospital, or institution on letterhead indicating entry date)

*Documentation of imminent solution (for example, a letter from employer documenting future income increase)

*Bank account and entitlement statements