

DENTON COUNTY MHMR

CONNECTIONS

Permanent Supportive Housing

What is Connections?

Connections provides housing for those experiencing chronic homelessness. The program provides a support system that gives individuals access to community resources. A major part of the program's success rate consist of following a housing first model. Housing first is an approach to quickly and successfully connect individuals to permanent housing without preconditions and barriers to entry.

Our Purpose

Connections strives to remove barriers for individuals to access and maintain housing. We provide housing for 38 singles and 2 families (must be chronically homeless). Individuals work with staff to develop goals and life skills training to promote growth and development towards overall success. Staff assist individuals with gaining access to community resources. Staff works with the individual to obtain and/or increase their income

"Before I got into the program, my life was full of chaos. When I entered the program, I paid attention, listened, stayed focused, and did what was suggested to me. You have to put in the footwork to succeed in the program."

~CONNECTIONS CLIENT



ELIGIBILITY AND REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PROGRAM

- Meet U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) definition of chronically homeless (unaccompanied individual 18 or older with a disabling condition who's been homeless for a continuous year or more or been homeless on at least 4 separate occasions in the last 3 years that total up to 12 months).
- Disabling condition can be a mental or physical impairment and the individual must be homeless at the time of program entry.



- An individual must complete an assessment at a front door agency through a process called Coordinated Entry. Currently, the front door agencies include: Salvation Army Denton, Monsignor King Outreach Center, Giving Grace, Denton County MHMR, Our Daily Bread, Grace like Rain Ministries, Christian Community Action, Veteran Community Navigator, United Way, Denton County Friends of the Family and Journey to Dream.

CONNECTIONS SUCCESSES

- Connections Program ranks #4 out of the 28 total within the Texas Homeless Network Balance of State Continuum of Care (THN Tx BOS CoC).
- 82% of participants remained in permanent supportive housing since 2017.
- 62% of participants have maintained or obtained income, compared to 16% prior to program entry.
- 66% participants received benefits such as SNAP, Medicaid, Medicare, and indigent healthcare.

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1-800-762-0157