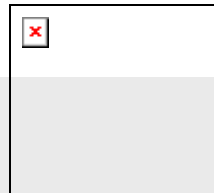




**The YWCA offers programs and services for women at critical turning points in their lives.**

The YWCA WISH Program, is a supportive housing program for women who have experienced homelessness, advocating for and providing essential resources and supports in a respectful, empowering environment.

## YWCA WISH



The YWCA WISH Housing Program is designed to provide safe affordable housing, for single women who have experienced homelessness. The YWCA provides WISH program participants with furnished apartments, a trusteeship program and support services.

### Goals

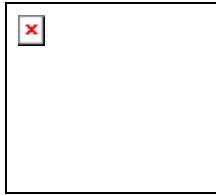
- To build bridges to independence for women
- To increase stability and reduce the risk of homelessness for women.
- To help build life skills and money management skills to achieve independence
- To move participants into a place of permanent stable housing.

### Clients' Services

- Safe and affordable housing
- Financial services
- Budgeting services
- Advocacy and support
- Case Management
- Referrals to essential services
- Dealing with landlords
- Continuum of care

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## The Process

Participants can be referred to the program from other women's shelters, community based agencies, or the Department of Community Services case workers, but self-referrals will also be considered for the program.

Contact the YWCA WISH Program Manager to set up an appointment for application and intake.

All Applications are kept confidential and will be processed as quickly as possible, usually within 2 weeks.

## Criteria for the Program

- Single women 19 years and older
- Homeless or at risk of homelessness
- On Social Assistance or willing to make an application for assistance
- Willing to enter into a Trustee Program/ trusteeship with the YWCA
- Willing to sign an apartment lease and Housing Agreement.
- If addictions willing to enter a program to work on these issues
- Willing to participate in a case plan in accordance to advice from Social Worker and YWCA WISH Program Staff Team.
- Willing to agree to home visits by WISH Program Team once a week as a minimum.
- If on medication must be willing to self administer as prescribed by a doctor
- Work on short term and long term goals
- Committed to program for up to one year as needed to achieve goals
- Two references (if possible)
- Evidence of growing stability in one's life

For more information, on the YWCA WISH Program,  
please contact the Wanda Hill at 423-6162, ext#222  
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