



CCA New Hope Housing Program NOW Accepting Applications

The New HOPE (Higher Opportunities Purpose and Expectation) Housing Program is currently accepting applications for families experiencing homelessness at the time of referral. Families must be referred to New HOPE through a case manager, social worker, or counselor. New HOPE **does not accept self-referrals.**

New HOPE accepts single parents with children and couples with children. The program has 18 apartments, including 1, 2, and 3-bedroom units. Families accepted into the New HOPE program are eligible to **reside at CCA New HOPE for 24 - 36 months.**

A family must meet the following criteria to be eligible for the program.

- The family must have a head of household who is 18 years old or an emancipated minor with child(ren). The parent(s) or guardian(s) must also have legal custody of any minor child(ren).
- The family must understand that this is a PROGRAM that requires the head of household and all able-bodied adults in the household to be employed or willing to seek employment upon acceptance and attend meetings and workshops – failure to do so can lead to program termination.
- The HOH(s) must be able to work and/or attend school 20 hours a week with the expectation of moving to full-time employment.
 - For households receiving SSDI or SSI benefits, the work expectations of the program will be dependent on the allowable income per month according to the Social Security Administration rather than hours a week.
- Income earnings must be between 0% - 50% of the Area Median Income (AMI) when the applicant is selected. Please see the table below for specific income and household requirements.
- Having the motivation to become self-sufficient, employed, and independent.
- During the screening interview, HOH(s) should be able to demonstrate their willingness to benefit from this program

- **Income Criteria**

Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6
Maximum	\$40,650	\$46,450	\$52,250	\$58,050	\$62,700	\$67,350

The complete application consists of five items:

- New HOPE Housing Program **Referral Application** (2 pages)
- **Release of Information Form(s)**
- **Referral Letter** from the agency on letterhead stationery stating the family homelessness situation
- **Personal Letter of Intent** written by the applicant
- **Second Reference Letter** written preferably by another professional – counselor, teacher, minister, etc.

The referring case manager, social worker, or counselor must submit the completed application (always including the three required letters) by email to Nikia Giles, Housing Intake Coordinator, ngiles@ccahelping.org, and cc. Shellina Toure, Director of Housing & Resident Services, stoure@ccahelping.org, with the subject line, **“New HOPE Housing Program Application.”** Applications can also be mailed to 660 Winchester Ave, New Haven, CT 06511. All applications will be dated and time-stamped upon receipt. Always keep a copy of the application for your files.

The referral packet can be found on our CCA website at ccahelping.org. The packet includes additional information about the program as well as the complete referral application and required forms. If you have any questions about the New HOPE program, please contact ngiles@ccahelping.org or 203-777-7176.