

CMHA KENORA RENT SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM

About the rent supplement program

- Provides rent subsidies to individuals living with poor mental health who are homeless or at risk of being homeless
- Provides financial support and housing case management to support individuals in obtaining and maintaining safe, suitable housing
- Operates in partnership with the Kenora District Services Board and private landlords in Kenora



Two streams of individual need



Mental health and justice

Available to individuals with mental illness involved with the criminal justice system through mental health court diversion or on release from a provincial correctional facility.



Mental health and addictions

Available to individuals with mental illness and/or problematic substance abuse who are homeless or at risk of being homeless.

WHY WORK WITH US?

Secure income

- Renting to clients who receive rent supplements is a secure source of income.
- The portion of the rent coming from CMHA Kenora goes directly to the landlord.
- If the client is on social assistance, those funds also go directly to the landlord.
- Landlords can address any concerns with the case manager and rest assured the client will be held accountable in a timely fashion.

Experience mitigates risk

- CMHA Kenora housed **71 PEOPLE, INCLUDING 45 NEW REFERRALS**, for a combined 4,671 days between April 1 and Dec. 31, 2020 through supportive housing and rent supplement programs.
- CMHA Kenora is an experienced leader in the provision of supportive housing. Between the emergency shelter, supportive housing units and rent supplements, landlords can be sure CMHA Kenora has the expertise to reduce any potential risk.



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ROLE OF HOUSING CASE MANAGERS

- Ensure rent payments are set up and are processed each month
- Act as a support to landlord to ensure any tenancy issues are dealt with promptly, effectively and efficiently
- Maintain regular contact with landlords and to facilitate positive working relationships
- Provide landlords with resources and community services that can assist and respond to after hours tenancy issues
- Assist client in accessing and maintaining suitable housing
- Deliver side-by-side life skills coaching, support clients in maintaining their unit, and schedule regular wellness checks in unit with clients



HOW LANDLORDS HELP

- Landlords are essential partners who can provide adequate, suitable and affordable housing
- Our success depends on availability of high-quality housing options for program participants to live in and stabilize while they work towards recovery goals
- Your participation provides individuals with secure housing, which leads to increased personal safety and helps decrease stress, improved physical and mental well-being, and better mental health outcomes
- As a landlord, when you rent to participants in our program, you don't have to deal with tenants one-on-one; housing case managers are there to mitigate risks and provide support, which increases chances of housing success

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MENTAL HEALTH STATS IN CANADA



1 IN 5

Canadians experiences a mental illness or addiction problem in any given year

1 IN 2

Canadians have or have had a mental illness by age 40

6.7 MILLION PEOPLE are living with a mental illness in Canada

140,000 CANADIANS with mental illness live in inadequate housing, increasing their risk of homelessness

"As a system service manager for housing for the District of Kenora, we're very pleased with the support CMHA Kenora provides to us. Their case managers do a great job of mitigating perceived risks to the landlord through proactive communication, both with us and the tenants they support. The accountability framework they have with the individuals they serve has been key to us resting assured that rent is paid every month and any possible issues that may arise are dealt with promptly and effectively. We are pleased to be part of this program that provides assistance to individuals in our community who need it. We encourage other landlords to give the program a chance."

- **Henry Wall**, Chief Administrative Officer,
Kenora District Services Board



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