

Preferred Tenant Program

The HOTEL INC Preferred Tenant Program is a counseling opportunity structured to address housing stability. Through support and education, this program is designed to meet the specific and unique challenges that households experiencing homelessness face when trying to navigate the process of obtaining and maintaining new, safe and affordable housing. The Preferred Tenant Program strategically helps individuals and families overcome housing barriers through individual and group case management (including our free workshops and education material), community outreach, and after-care support once housing is secured.

How does it work?

The program consists of workgroups (or small groups of the same people) that will actively engage with one another, volunteers and staff in individual and group activities designed to help you move forward toward stable housing.

How long is a workgroup?

- 11 weekly classes – 2 hour sessions

When are classes available?

- There are two workgroups available – select the best time slot for your personal schedule
 - Wednesday 10:00-12:00pm
 - Thursday 5:30pm-7:30pm
- 2019 Workgroup Calendar –
 - Jan 16 – March 27
 - Apr 1 – Jun 19
 - Jul 10 – Sept 18
 - Oct 2 – Dec 18

What is the application process?

- Applications will begin Jan 9, March 1, June 14, and Sept 3 for each workgroup
- While classes are available to anyone in the community, preference will be shown to households experience homelessness
- Selected participants will be notified on Tuesday, 1 week prior to class beginning

I have transportation issues, how can I still attend?

- Let the person assisting you with your application process know and we will help you to overcome transportation issues.



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I have children, can I bring them with me?

- The classroom is an adult learning environment, however, nursing mothers may bring their newborn under 6 weeks
- Beginning with the April 2019 workgroup, we will begin providing childcare assistance.

What happens if the workgroup has already started and I am homeless?

- HOTEL INC will still do intake and provide community resources and referrals.
- You can apply for next workgroup cycle and will be considered first for participation

What is expected of me?

- While classroom and participation guidelines will be discussed during our first session, the long and short of your expectation is easy – ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN THE FUTURE OF YOUR HOUSING STABILITY
 - Good attendance
 - Be involved
 - Respect others
 - Be supportive of your group
 - Apply what you learn

What are the benefits of the Preferred Tenant Program?

- Future Housing Stability – You should learn how to obtain and maintain clean, safe and affordable housing while managing your finances and being equipped to face obstacles that may come your way with support from your HOTEL INC family and workgroup friends
- Case Management – personal and group case management
- Free Counseling – housing and financial stability counseling by qualified housing professionals
- Meals will be provided (12:15 for morning class and 4:45 for evening class)
- Possible housing financial assistance - rent, rent deposit, or utility deposit – are only available for homeless households obtaining new housing that are participating in Preferred Tenant Program members. Amount of assistance subject to availability and need.