



Linkages Supportive Housing Program Referral

The Linkages Program is the State of New Mexico's permanent supportive housing program to provide access to housing vouchers for consumers who have a diagnosed serious mental illness, are experiencing homelessness/precariously housed or at risk of becoming homeless and extremely low-income level.

Linkages Supportive Housing program provides the following for participants:

Housing: Provide Linkages supportive housing services that enable clients to access housing and prevent homelessness. Assist clients with successfully maintaining their tenancy and progress toward self-sufficiency.

Please send referrals to Elizabeth Macias, LCSW, Director of Behavioral Health at emacias@lacasahealth.com

Eligibility:

Homeless or Precariously Housed.

- This includes people who are living in a place not meant for human habitation, in emergency shelter, in transitional housing or are exiting an institution where they temporarily resided for up to 90 days and were in shelter or a place not meant for human habitation prior to entering that institution.
- People who are losing their primary nighttime residence which may include a motel or hotel or a doubled-up situation, within 14 days, and lack resources or support networks to remain in housing.
- Families with children or unaccompanied youth who are unstably housed and likely to continue in that state.

Serious Mental Illness

- Must meet SMI criteria currently or at any time during the past year.
- Must have completed a Behavioral Health Assessment in the past year to verify having met criteria.



Extremely Low Income Limits (30 percent median family income)

All applicants of the program are subject to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Section 8 Extremely Low-Income limits. Income limits are updated annually and are adjusted for family size and location. Income for each applicant must fall at or below the extremely low-income limit to be initially eligible for the program. Please visit <https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/il.html> current income limits.

Disqualification categories

- If any member of the household is subject to a lifetime registration requirement under a sex offender registration program; and/or
- If any member of the household has been convicted of producing or manufacturing methamphetamine in a housing unit.

Referring Individual Name: _____

Diagnosis: _____

SMI Criteria met: Yes/No

Date of Referral: _____

Referring Party Information (Name, Contact Number, Agency): _____

- **Attach the most recent, within one-year mental health assessment.**
- **Attach proof of income**

For office use only:

Date Referral Received: _____

Date Referral Assigned: _____