

Dorothy Day House

Frequently Asked Questions

What are the apartments like?

We have small, studio apartments. Each apartment comes furnished with a bed that has a chest of drawers underneath, a small table and chair, a larger comfy chair, a full size refrigerator, microwave, sink, several kitchen cabinets, and a bathroom with a toilet. There are shared showers and kitchens on each floor. Dorothy Day House provides some move in items to help you get started in your new home.



What is resident management?

At Dorothy Day House residents have the opportunity to be involved in managing the program and building where they live. Residents work together to develop program policies and house rules. They also work on committees (4 months per year), attend house meetings (monthly) and participate in two tasks per week desk shifts or chores (roughly 6 hours per week). Is Resident Management a good fit for you? The following questions may help you decide.

- Do I like to interact/work with small and large groups of people?
- Am I willing to learn how to problem solve and resolve conflicts with my peers/staff?
- Am I willing to learn leadership skills from my peers/staff?
- Am I willing to use my voice to discover and express my own opinions?

How much is rent?

Rent is 30% of your income. To be eligible, you must be low-income. Currently this means you must earn less than \$17,700 per year. If you have no income, your rent is \$25 per month. Utilities are included in your rent, but you are responsible for your telephone and cable bills, if you chose to have these. There are washers and dryers on site. Currently it is 25 cents to wash, and 25 cents to dry.



Can I have a pet?

We have numerous pets and Service Animals at Dorothy Day House. They are important members of our community.

What other services do you offer?

Each Resident has the opportunity to work with an on-site case manager to work on your goals and to increase your independence. In addition to this full-time staff member, we also have a part time Coming Home Case Manager that is available to work more intensively with residents during your first 6 months of housing here. And we have a part time therapist, who is available for individual counseling and who also teaches some classes and facilitates other activities.

Each month we have numerous activities including various classes (knitting, beading, cooking, etc), as well as a field trip to somewhere fun, and a trip to the grocery store. We throw a big party for the Anniversary of Dorothy Day House, and also celebrate Thanksgiving with a wonderful feast, as well as our annual Christmas party. We also have an on site computer lab available to residents.