



Resident Selection Criteria

Exodus Housing strives to eliminate homelessness for families in South King and Pierce Counties by providing transitional housing and supportive services designed to help family stability and independence.

1. Resident families include families with minor children or pregnant women
2. Selected families must be homeless and low-income:
 - a) Families will meet the criteria of homeless, i.e. residing in shelters, served with eviction notice, doubled up with family/friends, etc. and who need longer term housing to restructure their lives.
 - b) Families must be categorized as very low-income or extremely low-income according to HUD annual income limits.
3. Families must be motivated to change:
 - a) Exodus Housing will select families based on need and their potential for self-sufficiency.
 - b) Families must be willing to work closely with our case manager to set goals and establish a plan that works toward self-sufficiency.
 - c) Families must also be willing to work closely with staff and volunteers, including a volunteer mentor who assists the family throughout the program to their transition to permanent housing and self-sufficiency.
4. Conditions which exclude candidates from this program:
 - a) Current substance abuse issues. Families who have a recent history of chemical dependence must have at least one year of sobriety before entry to program.
 - b) Conviction of violent crime. This does not mean that any prior conviction for other offenses automatically excludes the candidate.
 - c) Misrepresentation in the application process would remove a candidate from consideration; such misrepresentation is grounds for termination if the candidate has become a resident.

Non-Discrimination Policy:

Exodus Housing subscribes to a policy of equal opportunity. Applicants will not be discriminated against on the basis of age, race, creed, national origin, ancestry, sex, physical or mental handicap or sexual orientation. Applicant families are interviewed by a Exodus Housing staff with selection priority based on greatest need and family's potential for self-sufficiency. Exodus Housing keeps applications on file for three months; if an application is not considered after the three-month time period it will be destroyed.