



About Bridge Communities

Bridge Communities is the largest provider of transitional housing to homeless families in DuPage County.

With apartments located in several communities within DuPage—Addison, Glendale Heights, Glen Ellyn, Naperville, Westmont, and Lombard—Bridge Communities partners with area faith and community groups to help families become self-sufficient.

Since its creation in 1988, Bridge has provided over 850 homeless families with transitional housing and supportive services to help create positive, permanent change.

To refer clients to Bridge Communities,
please call (630) 545-0610 ext. 20

For more information about Bridge Communities
visit www.bridgecommunities.org



Connecting
homeless families
to a brighter future



Services Provided

Bridge Communities, along with sponsoring faith/community organizations, gives homeless families a safe place to live, along with a number of supportive services to help families move from homelessness to self-sufficiency.

Bridge Communities provides

- Housing
- Professional case management
- Mentors
- Financial literacy
- Education & employment services
- Children's services
- Tutoring
- Nutrition services
- Auto donations
- And more

Bridge Communities uses a team approach and trauma-informed care with every client family. The team includes the client, volunteer mentors, and case manager, along with help from Bridge's employment and children's services staff, as needed.

Bridge Communities is much more than just a transitional housing program. Bridge is an organization focused on the stability, well-being, and growth of the entire family, as well as on supporting healthy relationships between clients and mentors.

Eligibility

To be considered for acceptance into Bridge Communities, applicants must meet all requirements from both lists below:

Housing Eligibility Criteria

- Be homeless or at-risk
- Have a work or residence connection to DuPage County
- Be an adult(s) over the age of 21 with one or more child(ren) under the age of 18
- Have a valid driver's license
- Pass criminal background check
- Have some form of income that is reported to the IRS

Program Suitability Criteria

- Have a strong, positive work history and an ability and desire to work full-time on a consistent basis
- Have no active substance abuse issues
- Maintain stabilization of symptoms of any mental illness(es)
- Demonstrate the ability and desire to work openly and cooperatively with volunteers and staff
- Exhibit motivation to improve behaviors related to money management

Bridge housing eligibility criteria and accompanying documents will be evaluated within the first five days of each month to account for the changing needs of the community and of the program. This may include rent/mortgage status, geographical location, and driving history. Please contact our Intake Department for the most up-to-date information.

Apply to Bridge

To be considered for Bridge's Transitional Housing Program, **a homeless parent must complete**

- Telephone application
- Several in-person interviews/assessments with staff
- Telephone assessments
- In-person interview with sponsoring faith/community group, who will make the final decision of acceptance

In Bridge Communities, clients agree to

- Drug testing
- Criminal background check
- Being open about finances
- Weekly meetings with mentors
- Goal setting and striving
- Individual or family counseling
- Quarterly group meetings
- Cooperation with children's services staff on issues involving children
- Cooperation with employment services staff