

MHMRA of Harris County Open Enrollment Application Process for Assisted Living Facilities to Provide “Housing, Meals and 24 Hour Monitoring”

Mental Health Mental Retardation Authority of Harris County (MHMRA), through its Critical Time Intervention Program (CTI), is offering to contract with Assisted Living Facilities to provide short term housing (3 months) to identified consumers of the CTI Program.

Overview of Program:

Critical Time Intervention (CTI) is designed to prevent recurrent homelessness and other adverse outcomes among persons with severe mental illness. It aims to enhance continuity of care and stability for individuals with a history of difficulty maintaining housing and sustaining engagement in mental health treatment. The intervention, which lasts roughly 9 months, involves two components: (1) strengthening the individual's long-term ties to services, family, and friends; and (2) providing emotional and practical support during the transition. Services are delivered by workers who have established relationships with consumers. CTI is delivered in three main phases: (1) transition to the community, which focuses on providing intensive support and assessing the resources that exist for the transition of care to community providers; (2) tryout, which involves testing and adjusting the systems of support that were developed in the first phase; and (3) transfer of care, which completes the transfer of care to community resources that will provide long-term support.

MHMRA's Role:

In addition to the case management services described above, MHMRA's Critical Time Intervention Program will include (3) three months of housing during the first phase. We are seeking Assisted Living Facilities to provide housing to the consumers enrolled in the MHMRA Critical Time Intervention Program. MHMRA will pay a daily fee of \$27.00 per day for each client. Each client in the program will have an assigned case manager to work with them throughout their duration in the program. It is the responsibility of the case manager to link and coordinate needed services with the CTI client. This includes, but is not limited to mental health treatment through a MHMRA clinic, substance abuse services, housing and other social services as indicated.

Specifically, during the first phase of the program, CTI Case managers will provide intensive services to the client on site, 2 – 3 times per week. They will also provide transportation to the consumers to assist them in attending scheduled appointments and accessing needed services. The CTI case managers will meet with each selected Assisted Living Facility to introduce themselves and provide contact information to the Assisted Living Facility so they will be able to contact the case manager when needed.

Assisted Living Facility Criteria: Each Applicant must provide the following:

- State Licensure as an Assisted Living Facility
- Proof of General Liability Insurance

Assisted Living Facility Requirements:

- Facility meets all housing codes, per city, state and federal regulations
- Facility must be Handicap Accessible
- Facility must be All Bills Paid
- Facility must be Furnished
- Consent to Site Visit prior to selection of Assisted Living Facilities
- Willing to accept a per diem rate for consumers placed in their facility by CTI Staff
- Keep the Facility clean and safe

- Respond to requests for maintenance or upkeep
- Ensure that utilities included in the rent, are in working order and consistently available to the client

Not a Requirement, but Requested of Assisted Living Facilities:

- Notify CTI Case Manager, (IF THEY BECOME AWARE) of disruptive or unacceptable behavior of the client
- Notify CTI Case Manager, (IF THEY BECOME AWARE) if the consumers leaves the premises for an extended period of time

Applications will be reviewed upon receipt and the housing need is immediate. If selected, your application will remain open for two years.