

# Community Action



## Housing & Homeless Services

Todos los servicios disponibles  
en español



## Hillsboro Family Shelter—

Community Action has been sheltering people since 1975. Now located in the historic Shute House (pictured on the cover) at 210 SE 12th Street in Hillsboro, Community Action's shelter was the first shelter of its kind in Washington county.

Families may stay in the shelter for up to five weeks. During that time, staff help residents meet housing goals and plan for long-term self-reliance. Community Action offers parenting and health education classes, support groups and school advocacy for children.

*"Community Action really helped my family. I don't know where we would be without them. The staff at the shelter encouraged me to apply for jobs, helped build my confidence, and showed me hope for a better tomorrow."*

*—Linda, former shelter resident*



Families come to the shelter for a variety of reasons. Without a support network, a family has no one to turn to in an emergency. A family may become homeless due to unexpected loss of income from an illness, divorce, or layoff. Other factors include lack of affordable housing, inadequate income, limited job skills or experience, domestic violence, substance abuse, or mental health issues.

## Housing Stabilization—

- **Emergency Services**  
Community Action's homeless shelter provides emergency food boxes every night between 5:30–8:30pm and all day on the weekends for individuals and families in need.
- **Information & Referral**  
Resources and assistance with housing questions and concerns are available to those experiencing a housing crisis. Advocates help identify available services and offer support as families navigate the often-confusing service system. Community Action also oversees the waiting list for all three shelters in Washington County.
- **Ready to Rent**  
Participants learn about responsibilities as tenants, including tenant/landlord laws, and begin taking steps to find housing in this six-week class.
- **Long-Term Support Services**  
Long-term support services are provided to formerly homeless families and individuals facing housing barriers. Advocates work to help resolve challenges in acquiring and maintaining stable housing.
- **Transitional Housing - Hopespring**  
Eligible participants may qualify for Hopespring, a partnership of several local agencies. The program provides extensive support services and various educational classes for single women and their children who have been affected by domestic violence or substance abuse.
- **Rental Assistance**  
Short term rental assistance is offered to families and individuals to help with emergency housing needs. Community Action also helps cover move in costs for families who need to relocate.

## Children's Services—

Homelessness can be a very stressful experience for the whole family, especially children. Community Action provides several services to meet their specific needs during this difficult time.



*"The support I've received from Community Action has transformed my life and given my son and me hope for the future."*

*—Susan, Michael's mother*

- **Project Connect/Proyecto Conectar- Homeless Education Services**  
In partnership with the Hillsboro School District Community Action provides assistance with enrollment, school supplies, transportation, record transfers, and links families to resources for housing, health and school nutrition programs. Information is provided to parents and schools about the rights of homeless students and the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Act.
- **ACES After-School Activities**  
Free after-school activities are offered to children living in Hillsboro shelters or eligible students attending area schools.
- **Child Care for Shelter Residents**  
Child care is provided on-site for shelter residents participating in support groups, meetings and parenting classes.

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### Hillsboro Family Shelter

- Safe, secure, temporary housing for up to five weeks
- Individualized case management including goal setting, linkage to resources, and advocacy
- Health classes provided by Washington County Health Department
- Parenting support classes
- Food, clothing, transportation, and other basic needs assistance
- Men and Women's support groups

### Children's Programs\*

- Head Start for preschoolers
- Homeless education services in collaboration with Hillsboro School District
- After school tutoring, homework groups and play groups
- Summer children's activities, including field trips
- Afternoon toddler programs

### Housing Stabilization Program\*

- Information and referral connecting those in need with social services
- Homeless prevention/rent assistance
- Transitional housing and on-going long-term case management
- Community planning for homeless services
- Ready to Rent classes
- Rental assistance
- Mediation with landlords

\* *You do not have to be a shelter resident to participate in these programs.*

## Our Promise

*Community Action changes peoples lives,  
embodies the spirit of hope,  
improves communities & makes America  
a better place to live.*

*We care about the entire community  
and are dedicated to helping individuals  
help themselves & each other.*

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