



HIPhousing

What is the Self-Sufficiency Program?

HIP Housing's Self-Sufficiency Program provides housing assistance and support services to motivated low-income parents with clearly defined education and career goals. With this support, families are expected to achieve financial self-sufficiency within 12-24 months. It is not an emergency housing program and the application and selection process can take 6-8 weeks or more. There are 2 pathways within the Self-Sufficiency Program:

SHARE (**S**tability through **H**ousing **A**nd **R**esources for **E**mpowerment) –

- 1½-2 years
- Single-parent families only
- Client shares a 6-bedroom home with 1 or 2 other families
- Client pays \$50 per room in monthly rent
- Monthly case management and Life Skills workshops

HOP (**H**ousing **O**pportunities **P**rogram)

- 1 year
- Single OR two-parent families
- Client rents their own home on the open market
- HIP pays: 60% of rent for 6 months (client pays 40%), and then 30% of rent for 6 months (client pays 70%)
- Monthly case management and Life Skills workshops

Who qualifies?

To qualify, applicants must:

- Be over 18 or an emancipated minor.
- Be a parent with minor children (under the age of 18) living with them.
- Live, work or go to school in San Mateo County.
- Have the legal right to work in the United States.
- Have a low income (under 50% of the median income in San Mateo County).
- Be clean & sober for at least 6 months (if in recovery).
- Be registered for, enrolled in, or have recently completed vocational training or an education program.
- Applicant's education or training program will be completed within 1 year (for the HOP Program) or 2 years (for the SHARE program).
- Applicant's education or training program will increase earning power and lead to a career that will allow the family to be financially self-sufficient.

*To refer a client to the Self-Sufficiency Program
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