

Candidate Application

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About FHC RentReady: The Family Health Center of Marshfield, Inc. (FHC) RentReady program supports those in recovery from substance use for at least six months. The program will help you find a lease with a local landlord. Participants will receive budget education, and will create a rental history and budget document to share with a landlord. The program will connect candidates with a peer support provider (recovery coach and/or peer specialist) for support. You should live in Wood or Clark County and have been in recovery at least six full months when you apply.

The FHC RentReady Program does not offer long-term assistance with rent. The program provides the **security deposit and first month's rent** and the tenant will pay monthly rent starting in the second month. Participants selected for the program will be matched with a property that is no more than 40% of their monthly household income.

To Apply:

- Complete the application and send it to North Central Community Action Program (NCCAP).
- We'll let you know about your application no later than two weeks after it goes to NCCAP. You will get an update whether or not you receive an interview.
- After your application is reviewed, you may be invited to a 30 minute interview coordinated by NCCAP.
- After the interview, you may be asked to complete the Rent Smart Program. If you have successfully completed a Rent Smart training within 6 months of your application, you will not have to take it again.
- After Rent Smart, you will be connected with peer support provider (recovery coach and/or peer specialist) if you do not already have one. Your peer support will work with you to finish your Rent Smart portfolio, which you will share with a landlord prior to signing a lease. You will be asked to write out your recovery plan.
- Once you move in, you are encouraged to participate in regular walkthroughs as determined by your team:
 - The walkthrough will include you, your landlord, and one other person.
 - At about six months into your lease, staff will meet with you to review budget and recovery plan.
- After one year, you may renew your lease with the landlord or use your new rental history to find another lease.

For additional information, contact:

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Please return completed application to Katie Schumer, Outreach Case Manager/Coordinated Entry Specialist, North Central Community Action Program (NCCAP) by email at kschumer@nccapinc.com or mail to:

*Katie Schumer
North Central Community Action Program, Inc.
2111 8th Street South, Suite 102
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494*

Candidate Information:

Name: _____

Current Address: _____

_____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

County: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Current Age: _____ Gender Identity: _____ Race/Ethnicity: _____

In recovery for at least 6 months? Yes No

Referral Information:

Referral Agency: _____

Referral Name: _____

Phone: _____

If applying without an agency referral, you must be connected with a peer support before being interviewed for and admitted to the program. We will help you to facilitate this connection.

Do you have any pending legal charges? Yes No

Note that this will not keep you from being considered, but will rather help us to better understand the type of support you might need.

Rental Information:

I will be the only tenant: Yes No

Please list the first names and ages of others who would live with you, including partner and dependents:

Name: _____ Age: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____

I am currently pregnant Yes No

Note that we ask this to help us determine the funding for which you might be eligible.

Please use the space below to respond to the following as you are comfortable:

Your recovery status and programs you are currently in:

- How long you have been in recovery (you are encouraged to be in recovery at least 6 months when you apply)
- List programs you participate in (court ordered and by choice)

Your current recovery goals:

Barriers to securing housing you have:

Your current job status:

- How many hours per week you work
- Please share your average monthly income or hourly pay rate

Your current living situation:

Rent Smart Training:

Candidates who pass the application and interview will be required to complete the University of Wisconsin – Madison, Division of Extension Rent Smart Program. If you have completed Rent Smart within 6 months of applying for the FHC RentReady Program then you do not have to take the class again.

I have attended a Rent Smart Class in the past six months: Yes No

I completed Rent Smart on (date): _____

I have completed the Rent Smart Rental Portfolio: Yes No

My portfolio was reviewed on (date): _____

Peer Support (Recovery Coach and/or Peer Specialist):

Do you have an established relationship with:

A Peer Specialist? Yes No

A Recovery Coach? Yes No

A program sponsor? Yes No

If yes, I work with (name): _____

Last Meeting (date): _____

If you answered no, candidates accepted in the to the RentReady program will be connected with a peer support provider from a local Recovery Community Organization to support your success in the program and assist with completion of Rent Smart training.

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