

## How to begin receiving Shelter Plus Care services?

Contact Emily Ward and schedule an appointment to sign up for the program to begin receiving all the benefits of Shelter + Care Services. Call 770-834-2046 ex104 or [emily@carrolltonhousingauthority.com](mailto:emily@carrolltonhousingauthority.com).

Don't delay.....  
Call today to schedule your appointment.



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## What Can Shelter + Care Services Do For YOU?

The Shelter Plus Care Program provides rental assistance for hard-to-serve homeless persons with disabilities in connection with supportive services funded from sources outside the program.

Shelter Plus Care (S+C) is a program designed to provide housing and supportive services on a long-term basis for homeless persons with disabilities, (primarily those with serious mental illness, chronic problems with alcohol and/or drugs, and acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) or related diseases) and their families who are living in places not intended for human habitation (e.g., streets) or in emergency shelters. The program allows for a variety of housing choices, and a range of supportive services funded by other sources, in response to the needs of the hard-to-reach homeless population with disabilities.

## History of S+C

Since 1992, HUD has awarded Shelter Plus Care (S+C) funds to state and local governments and public housing agencies (PHAs) to serve a population that has been traditionally hard to reach - homeless persons with disabilities such as serious mental illness, chronic substance abuse, and/or AIDS and related diseases. The S+C program was built on the premise that housing and services need to be connected in order to ensure the stability of housing for this population. Consequently, S+C provides rental assistance that local grantees must match with an equal value of supportive services appropriate to the target population.

Local S+C projects are typically implemented through partnerships that include:

- ◆ a grantee;
- ◆ one or more nonprofit housing sponsors that own or coordinate leasing of housing for program participants; and
- ◆ a network of supportive services providers.

### Who can move into a S+C unit?

### Eligible participants

- A "homeless" person, who is also
- A "person with disabilities" (primarily SMI, Chronic SA, Dual, or AIDS), who is also
- A "very low income" person— meaning "a (family) income not to exceed 50% of median."
- Or the "homeless" (and very low income) family member of such a person.

### S+C Definition of Homelessness

#### The S+C program specifically targets homeless persons who:

- Are sleeping in places not meant for human habitation, such as cars, parks, sidewalks, and abandoned or condemned buildings; or are sleeping in emergency shelters.
- This may include persons who ordinarily sleep in one of the above places but are spending a short time (30 consecutive days or less) in a hospital or other institution.

### Eligible Disabilities

A person shall be considered to have a disability if such person

- Has a physical, mental or emotional impairment which is expected to be of long-continued and indefinite duration; substantially impedes his or her ability to live independently; and is of such a nature that such ability could be improved by more suitable housing conditions, or
- Has a severe and chronic development disability.

