

## About Us

Central Wisconsin Community Action Council (CWCAC) is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, proudly serving communities since 1966. Governed by a 15-member Board of Directors, we deliver a wide range of state and federal programs designed to help low-income individuals and families achieve self-sufficiency and build stronger, more resilient communities.

## Our Missions & Values

We are committed to creating opportunities for individuals and communities to reach their full potential. By offering access to vital resources and comprehensive services, we empower people to become independent, self-reliant, and active contributors to community well-being.

## Our Goals

- Empower individuals and families through education, resources, and support services.
- Support the attainment and retention of permanent, stable housing.
- Help increase skills and income for long-term self-determination.
- Provide case management and connect clients with mainstream resources.
- Reduce and ultimately end homelessness in our communities.



"Empowering Lives, Building Hope."

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## Central Wisconsin Community Action Council



Housing Services Unit  
Housing Support • Crisis  
Assistance • Case  
Management

*Serving Adams, Columbia, Dodge,  
Juneau & Sauk Counties*



## **Project Chance & Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)**

Project Chance is a supportive housing initiative funded by a HUD Continuum of Care grant, designed to serve individuals and families experiencing homelessness. TBRA is supported by the State of Wisconsin Division of Energy, Housing & Community Resources.

Both programs focus on:

- Helping participants obtain and retain permanent housing.
- Supporting income growth and skill development.
- Promoting self-sufficiency and personal growth.

Participants contribute 30% of their adjusted gross income toward rent, with the remaining costs subsidized. Case managers assist with securing benefits such as FoodShare, SSI, W-2, mental health/ AODA services, education, and job training. Program match funding includes agency-provided resources such as office space, utilities, staff wages, and travel.

## **Rapid Re-housing (Sauk & Dodge Counties)**

This program offers housing assistance and supportive services to individuals and families who are at risk of or currently experiencing homelessness. Funding for these programs is provided by Sauk and Dodge Counties.

- Sauk County - the program serves families with sufficient income to sustain rent following initial assistance. Participants are quickly re-housed and supported through case management and access to community services.
- Dodge County - program follows the same model but is open to both individuals and families.

## **Crisis Assistance**

This program provides one-time financial help most commonly for rent to households facing urgent crises. Funding comes from multiple sources, including the Emergency Food & Shelter Program (EFSP), National Exchange Bank, Salvation Army, and United Way. Applications are evaluated based on available funding, crisis resolution potential and specific program criteria.

## **Emergency Food & Shelter Program (EFSP)**

EFSP is a federally funded program that supports immediate needs such as food, shelter (including motel/hotel vouchers), and rent assistance. Funding amounts are determined based on local data and needs assessments. In Juneau and Dodge Counties, CWCAC provides rental assistance to individuals or families with five-day eviction notices and verified employment.

## **Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP)**

YHDP provides comprehensive support for youth ages 17½ to 24 who are experiencing homelessness. The program includes:

- System Navigation: Youth Navigators offer individualized guidance through housing systems and connect participants to critical services.
- Rapid Re-Housing (Ages 18-24): Support includes help securing housing, rental assistance for up to 12 months, and case management. Participants contribute 30% of their income toward housing costs.
- Youth Advisory Board (YAB): Youth with lived experience meet monthly to shape program policies, give feedback, and advocate for solutions to end youth homelessness. Events and leadership opportunities further support engagement.

## **Home-Arp Supportive Services**

CWCAC provides supportive housing services under the federal HOME-ARP program, focusing on households at risk of homelessness (Qualified Population 2). Services include:

- Short to medium-term rental assistance
- Transportation assistance.
- Case management to connect clients with community and mainstream resources.

Participants begin by paying 0% of their income toward rent, with gradual increases up to 30% over time. The program aims to help households achieve stability and long-term housing security. The initial goal is to serve eight head-of-household participants.