

Prairie Crossing Overview

Affordable Housing

- Section 42 low-moderate income housing
- 48 units: 20 with Project Based Vouchers (PBV), 9 with Tenant Based Vouchers (TBV)
- Extremely low-moderate income households
 - 86% at or below 50% AMGI
 - 68% at or below 30% AMGI
 - 57% at or below 20% AMGI
 - 18% at or below 10% AMGI
 - 9% between 50-60% AMGI
 - 5% over 60% AMGI
- Diverse resident population
 - Ethnically and racially diverse
 - 66% African American
 - 23% Asian
 - 9% Hispanic/Latino
 - 2% Caucasian
 - 77% female headed households
 - 45% have a household member with a disability
- Current/Prospective residents face several barriers to maintaining and finding housing
 - Poor credit history
 - Criminal background
 - Extremely low income/Unemployment
 - Language barriers
 - Chemical dependency
 - Domestic violence

Resident Services

- Case management services
- On-site food pantry and community garden
- Resident events/parties
- Employment and resource assistance
- Monthly newsletter and community bulletin boards

Resident Service Coordinator (RSC) and Case Management Services

Supportive services are required for residents in PBV units. Residents in non-PBV units receive services upon request or if behind in rent or additional issues develop during tenancy.

- Provides eviction prevention and advocacy
- Assists with Section 8 applications and process
- Assists with employment search, resume development and job training resources
- Assists with applications/concerns with public benefits (Foodshare, Childcare, Emergency Assistance, Medical Assistance, Energy Assistance, WIC)
- Refers to outside agencies for services (Porchlight, Early Childhood Initiative, Joining Forces for Families, Community Action Coalition, St. Vincent De Paul)

- Coordinates community gardens and on-site food pantry
- Creates monthly newsletter and updates building bulletin boards with community events
- Coordinates holiday parties and events
- Attends community meetings
- Assists residents to improve housekeeping skills and develop good rental history

Outreach

Residents are referred to Prairie Crossing in several ways. Below are a few of the most common.

- Current/Past Residents
- Organizational referrals (Joining Forces for Families, Community Action Coalition, The Road Home, Salvation Army, Tenant Resource Center, YWCA, Reach Dane, Early Childhood Initiative)
- Community meetings



Homelessness and Prevention

The majority of Prairie Crossing residents have been homeless at some point in their lives. Many are homeless directly before their residency begins.

- Shelters and Transitional Housing (Salvation Army, The Road Home, Porchlight, YWCA, Hope House)
- On the Streets
(Living in car, doubling up with friends/family, living in motel, etc.)

Prevention

Eviction prevention and building positive rental history is the focus of Prairie Crossing's supportive services in an attempt to help residents avoid future periods of homelessness and stabilize the greater community.

The RSC assists residents with:

- Securing financial support with past-due rent
- Mediation between residents over disputes
- Advocating for residents with court dates
- Working with residents on money management skills
- Improving housekeeping skills

The RSC's work has reduced the number of evictions, preventing the disruption of lives and the unrest caused in the community by unstable families.

Prairie Crossing management has not filed a single eviction in nearly 6 years!



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