



Almost Home Programs & Services

What type of support does Almost Home Provide?

Almost Home provides Emergency Assistance in three programs, our Homeless Prevention Program, our Emergency Shelter and Outreach Programs, and our Supportive Housing Programs.

Homeless Prevention Program

Our Homeless Prevention Program provides Emergency Assistance in the form for rental, mortgage, utility, and water assistance. If you are behind on rental, mortgage or utility payments, we may be able to provide you with financial assistance. Each household served under the program engages in short-term case management services to address ongoing barriers to housing stability.

Our Homeless Prevention Program prioritizes households that are at risk of eviction or foreclosure due to loss of income or an increase in expenses. In an effort to be fair, equitable and prevent households from entering into homeless situations Almost Home will prioritize those that have one of the following: foreclosure notice, 10 Day Notice, Demand for Compliance Letter, Notice to Quit, or a scheduled Housing Court date. In addition, we can work with anyone that is directly referred to us by Colorado Legal Services that is in imminent risk of becoming homeless.

In addition, we can provide Emergency Assistance for a security deposit. If a household is moving into a new apartment to leave an unsafe living situation, we may be able to provide a security deposit assistance.

Our Homeless Prevention Program is an open and self-referral program.

Emergency Shelter and Outreach Programs

Almost Home provides Emergency Assistance in our Emergency Shelter. Our seven (7) family Emergency Shelter serves homeless families in Adams and Southern Weld County. Our Emergency Shelter provides temporary emergency shelter, case management services and re-housing assistance.

Almost Home also provides Emergency Assistance in our Severe Weather Activation Plan (SWAP) Program. Under this program, we provide hotel/motel vouchers to literal homeless households during periods of inclement weather (32 degrees and wet or 20 degrees and dry). In addition to the hotel/motel vouchers, we provide supportive case management services to address barriers to permanent housing and re-housing assistance.

Our Emergency Shelter and Outreach Programs are open and self-referral programs.

Supportive Housing Programs

Almost Home operates the Next Step Homeless Prevention Program under our Supportive Housing Programs where we provide homeless prevention assistance to referred McKinney-Vento families. Once enrolled in the program, families receive ongoing supportive, home based case management services to help ensure ongoing housing stability and short-term rental assistance. Referrals from this program come directly from the enrolled school district and McKinney-Vento teams.

Almost Home provides Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) to households experiencing literal homelessness in

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Adams and Southern Weld Counties. Once enrolled in the program, households receive ongoing supportive, home based case management services to help ensure ongoing housing stability and short-term rental assistance. Referrals for this program come directly from local CoC Coordinated Entry systems.

All Almost Home Supportive Housing Programs are closed referral programs and we cannot accept partner or self-referrals.

Frequently Asked Questions and Answers

Homeless Prevention Programs

How do I know if I am eligible to receive Emergency Assistance?

In order to apply for Emergency Assistance under our Homeless Prevention Program, the first step is to call 303-659-6199 or go online to www.almosthomeonline.org to complete an application. Almost Home's Intake Team will conduct a phone intake assessment to determine eligibility and identify the amount of financial assistance available to help resolve your housing crisis. If deemed eligible, an appointment will be scheduled. If you are not eligible, we will provide you with other resources to reach out to for assistance. Assessments are conducted in the order that they are received.

I do not have any children under the age of 18, can you help me?

Almost Home has multiple sources of assistance, our Intake Team will assess you to identify if we have funding available to help.

Can I walk in and receive assistance?

Almost Home does not accept walk-ins for Emergency Assistance under our Homeless Prevention Program at this time and we are by appointment only. Please call 303-659-6199 or apply online for assistance.

How else can Almost Home help me?

Clients in need of assistance can access Almost Home's Housing Navigation Center. The Almost Home Housing Navigation Center provides low-barrier access to on-site case management, supportive services, connection to services and a pathway to permanent housing through coordinated entry assessment. Clients accessing the Housing Navigation Center receive personalized support to help address housing barriers such as a lack of personal identity documents, employment connections, housing counseling and education regarding their rights and responsibilities as a tenant and coordinated care to address basic needs and Social Determinants of Health.

How will I know if funding is available?

Funding availability is determined on a daily, weekly and monthly basis. You will be informed during your phone intake assessment if funding is available, if it is not available, you will be informed of if or when it will become available.

What are the requirements for Emergency Assistance under the Homeless Prevention Program?

There are different requirements for each type of assistance. Please see below for each type of assistance.

Rental and Mortgage Support

The following documents are required in our Homeless Prevention Program:

1. Copy of Photo ID (for all household members over 18)
2. Social Security card (copy for all household members)
3. Proof of Income (for all household members over 18)
4. Copy of signed lease (for households that rent)
5. Tenant ledger that documents the amount owed (for households that rent)
6. Mortgage Statement documenting that mortgage is past due with accurate amount owed (for households that own a home)
7. One of the following:
 - a. Foreclosure notice;
 - b. 10 Day Notice;
 - c. Demand for Compliance Letter;
 - d. Notice to Quit;
 - e. Scheduled Housing Court date.

Utility Support

1. You must be a US Citizen or show proof of legal residency.
2. You must provide a Colorado ID for all adults in the household.
3. You must provide a valid Social Security Card for every member of the household, children included. We will not accept copies of any Social Security Card
4. Verifiable and ongoing income is not required.
5. You must be a resident of Adams or Weld County for the last 3 months.
6. If you are applying for utility assistance during the months of November through April, you must first apply for LEAP prior to applying for utility assistance through Almost Home, Inc. To move forward with an intake assessment you must be able to produce an approval or denial letter from LEAP.
7. If your total bill is over \$1,000 we cannot provide assistance until your bill is less than \$1,000.

City of Brighton Water Support

1. You must be a City of Brighton resident and receive a city utility water bill.
2. You cannot have tampered with your meter in the last twelve (12) months; this will be verified through the City of Brighton.
3. You are eligible for up to \$300 in assistance per calendar year. You cannot receive more than \$300 per calendar year from any City of Brighton Water Assistance program.

What can I expect during my case management appointment?

1. At your case management appointment, you will need to bring all required documents to the appointment. If you do not have all of your documents, your appointment will be rescheduled for another date and time.
2. During your appointment, you will meet with a Housing Case Manager to conduct a full intake and provide all documents to the case manager.
3. You will create a budgeting plan.
4. You will create a Housing Stabilization Plan and identify goals to reach self-sufficiency.
5. You will be provided with referrals to other resources to help meet your household needs.
6. Following the appointment, your Housing Case Manager will be available to you for 90 days for additional support and to work towards your goals on your Housing Stabilization Plan.



Emergency Shelter and Outreach Programs

How do I gain access to Almost Home's Emergency Shelter?

Almost Home provides Emergency Shelter to seven (7) families at one time. We have a waitlist to gain access to our emergency shelter.

Emergency Shelter Waitlist:

1. Please call 303-659-6199 or email assistance@almosthomeonline.org to be added to the waitlist.
2. When there is a vacancy at the Emergency Shelter, Almost Home will conduct a lottery to determine the next family to admit. Almost Home will call or email the identified family and the family will have 24 business hours to respond or they will be returned to the waitlist and we will move on to the next family.

Emergency Shelter Eligibility:

1. You must be a US Citizen or show proof of legal residency. A Colorado ID is required for all adults in the household.
2. You must provide a valid Social Security Card for every member of the household, children included. We will not accept copies of any Social Security Card.
3. You must be a resident of Adams or Weld County for the last 3 months.
4. You must be a family with children under the age of 18 with you or pregnant.
5. You must pass a sex offender check.
6. You must sign an Emergency Shelter client agreement form prior to moving in.

Severe Weather Activation Plan (SWAP)

Almost Home, Inc. will activate SWAP when the above conditions are met. An activation email will be distributed to the SWAP Activation Email Group informing the public of the SWAP activation, the duration of the activation and the location for intake assessments.

Definition of Severe Weather:

- **Severe Cold**-32 degrees Fahrenheit and wet or 20 degrees Fahrenheit and dry.
- **Severe Heat**-100 degrees Fahrenheit or above.

Regular Intake Assessments will be conducted at the Anythink Library located at 9417 Huron St, Thornton, CO 80260 between 12:00 PM and 4:00 PM. When possible, intakes will be conducted the day prior to the inclement weather in order to reduce the travel risks during severe weather. Any changes to the location of the Intake Assessments will be identified in the Activation Email.

Reasonable Accommodations

Almost Home, Inc. offers services in Spanish and English. Almost Home, Inc. is compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) laws. If a reasonable accommodation is needed, please contact Almost Home at (303) 659-6199.