



THE CENTENNIAL BRIEFING



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Our mission is to achieve excellence in the provision of behavioral health services that lead to optimal health and well being

HOUSING HAPPENINGS

The status of COVID-19 is changing rapidly, this is an uncertain landscape for all of us and, with the aim of protecting ourselves and community during this challenging time, there has been a lot of brainstorming happening in the housing world. Specifically within Centennial, we want staff to know that we are here to provide education to renters and homeowners about their options, including but not limited to understanding the Governor's Executive Order regarding foreclosure and eviction moratoriums. We are encouraging open and honest communication between tenants, landlords and mortgage lenders.

Centennial Housing staff have been working with the Colorado Division of Housing to secure State Disaster Emergency Funds, through the Emergency Homeless Prevention Program (EHAP). These funds are to assist the eligible family in paying for a portion of their rent/mortgage if they had a reduction in their income that is a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic, families can receive up to three payments in a six month period of time and the program is open to anyone in the Centennial catchment area. [Click here to link to Centennial's COVID-19 webpage for the application.](#)

In addition to the most recent award of EHAP funds, Centennial also received an award of \$25,000 to continue providing programing for the upcoming year through the Homeless Prevention Activities Program (HPAP). HPAP is available year around to assist those who have a temporary documented economic crisis and have a received an eviction and or disconnect notice. In this inaugural year, 11 families have been assisted in avoiding homelessness.

A third exciting opportunity, the Housing team has been selected to participate in the 2020 Pathways Home Colorado Supportive Housing Toolkit. This toolkit will run from late April through September. The purpose of the toolkit is to receive an introduction to Supportive Housing and Concept Development; to learn about building design, development and financing, operations and property management, supportive services, community engagement and Fair Housing, we then get to present our project to funders. We are very excited to bring this potentially life changing opportunity to our community as a Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) complex can offer safe and stable housing to our very most vulnerable homeless population who experience serious, chronic issues of mental health and substance use disorders.

And as a reminder, Centennial also has many other rental assistance programs, with specific eligibility criteria and include:

- Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program, also known as Section 8
- Housing Choice Voucher Homeownership Program
- State Housing Voucher Program for Justice Involved Persons
- Centennial's Fourth Street House, located in Sterling

Not to forget those who are struggling with Homelessness in this trying time, we also have PATH. This program provides outreach and case management services to hard to reach homeless individuals with serious and persistent mental illness. Outreach is done to identify those persons in the community who are homeless for the purpose of connecting them to community mental health and substance use disorder services.

It is important to note, with the exception of the HCV Programs and PATH, participants must be engaged in services of some sort through Centennial to be considered eligible.

If a person does not qualify for one Centennial's Housing program, we always make referrals or offer other suggestions to other community resources. To make a referral for Housing Services or for more information about one of the above listed Housing Programs please contact any of the housing staff via the distribution email- Housing@CentennialMHC.org.



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MORE CARE PACKAGES FROM MENTORS



The Mentors in the Sterling office have been putting together care packages for all their little mentees that they've not been able to see in person for weeks. These are the fun items the kiddos had to look forward to this week.

PEER SPECIALISTS MAKING FOOD DELIVERIES

Peer Specialists in the Sterling clinic are making food three times a week to deliver to Journey and ACT clients.

DID YOU KNOW CENTENNIAL HAS YOUTUBE?



YES! You've heard right, Centennial does in fact have a YouTube page. Because the way we do work is so different right now staff is finding many different avenues to share the information they generally would in person, plus a few other fun things as well! If you are interested in using YouTube as an avenue for your clients, get in touch with Jaci Yula and she can help you work through the process.

Hurry, take me to our YouTube page!