

Wake Prevent!

Homelessness Prevention Program



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Increased Demand for Prevention Services

Wake Prevent! helps renters gain or maintain access to existing affordable units using a best practice approach to prevention and diversion services.

42,000 Renters Spend 50% or More on Housing

26,000 or 60% earn less than \$24,000 annually

Rents are up 35%

Median Income has only increased by 16%

3,400 new low-income families each year

Loss of 900 affordable units annually

Households Who May Qualify for Assistance

- Currently fleeing domestic violence
- Doubled up and has been told by the lease holder to vacate the unit
- Leaseholder and has received a notice to vacate by the property owner
- Paying for a hotel/motel without assistance
- Exiting an institution (mental/physical health or jail/prison) and has no resources or support system to assist upon release

*****For all households: The expected loss of housing must be less than 30 days away and the household's income must be less than 50% of Area Median Income***



Prioritizing People Most at-Risk of Homelessness



Program Access

In order to best serve families and individuals, Wake Prevent! only accepts referrals through Coordinated Entry Access Sites, conveniently located throughout the community.

- Prioritizes those of greatest need
- Ensures ease of access
- Allows clients to take care of additional human services needs with other providers on-site simultaneously

Coordinated Entry Access Site Locations

- **Wake County Northern Regional Center | Wake Forest**
- **Wake County Southern Regional Center | Fuquay-Varina**
- **Wake County Eastern Regional Center | Zebulon**
- **Dorcas Ministries | Cary**
- **Wake County Human Services Center | Raleigh**
- **Oak City Cares – Housing Services Center | Raleigh**
- **InterAct – Domestic Violence Services Center | Raleigh**



Partnership with The Green Chair Project

The Green Chair Project reuses gently-used household furnishings to renew lives of participants, who are recovering from or facing homelessness, crisis or disaster.

Through a Wake County Department of Housing Affordability & Community revitalization and Green Chair Project partnership, each Wake Prevent! household will be provided access to all essential furnishings for their home, at no cost to them.



****Households will be required to complete a modified Ready to Rent workshop prior to approval for home furnishings.**

Questions?

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