



The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care (CoC) Program [Homeless Definition Final Rule](#) has identified the following criteria that individuals or families must meet in order to be considered **Literally Homeless**:

Individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, meaning:

- (i) Has a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not meant for human habitation;
- (ii) Is living in a publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements (including congregate shelters, transitional housing, and hotels and motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, state and local government programs); or
- (iii) Is exiting an institution where (s)he has resided for 90 days or less and who resided in an emergency shelter or place not meant for human habitation immediately before entering that institution

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care (CoC) Program [Chronically Homeless Definition Final Rule](#) has identified the following criteria that individuals or families must meet in order to be considered **Chronically Homeless**:

Individual or family who meet the Literally Homeless definition above AND have the following:

- (i) At least one member of the household must have a disabling condition AND
- (ii) Must have experienced homeless for a minimum of 12 months
 - a. This can be 12 consecutive months OR
 - b. At least 4 episodes of homelessness over the last 3 years that total 12 months or longer

According to [HUD's Defining Chronic Homelessness: A Technical Guide for HUD Programs](#) defines a disability condition as follows:

A disabling condition is defined as “a diagnosable substance abuse disorder, a serious mental illness, developmental disability, or chronic physical illness or disability, including the co-occurrence of two or more of these conditions.” In addition, “a disabling condition limits an individual’s ability to work or perform one or more activities of daily living.” (Questions and Answers: A Supplement to the 2006 Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance NOFA and Application: p.7).