

Definitions:

Some definitions of various housing options:

Emergency shelter: Provides nightly shelter for those who are homeless. Typically has a limit on how many nights an individual or family can remain in the shelter. Shelters are open to the general public, though some with medical needs that cannot be addressed by shelters or those who exhibit violent behavior may be banned. Those staying in the shelter are still considered homeless.

Bridge housing: Provides time-limited, temporary housing for those who are homeless and connects those residents with services and permanent housing. Participation is typically through an invitation by the bridge housing provider. Those in bridge housing are still considered homeless.

Transitional housing: Provides time-limited, temporary housing for those who are homeless. Those in transitional housing are still considered homeless.

Permanent housing: Housing in which a household can stay indefinitely, which means this housing is suited for indefinite occupation. Permanent housing includes both Permanent Supportive Housing and Rapid Re-Housing programs. Permanent Supportive Housing provides ongoing, indefinite housing or rent support to households who are homeless AND permanently disabled, while connecting households with support services. Rapid Re-Housing provides short-term rent support to households that are homeless and have a reasonable expectation of stabilizing with limited assistance. Those participating in these programs are considered housed, and are not homeless.