

HOUSING AND



HACC SERVICES CATALOG



**Housing Authority of
Champaign County**

Growing & Moving Forward Together

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About Us



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The Housing Authority of Champaign County is dedicated to empowering our community members by providing access to a diverse range of programs that support their housing needs and foster self-sufficiency. A cornerstone of our commitment is ensuring access to safe and affordable housing through initiatives like our Housing Choice Voucher Program and our efforts to develop and support affordable housing options within the county.

Our programs address various challenges, from assisting first and second-time homebuyers to providing comprehensive support services for voucher holders through our SHIFT Program. If you're ready to make the next step in your business or are an aspiring entrepreneur, we offer the Small Business Opportunity Program in partnership with the Illinois Small Business Development Center. Young adults can benefit from our YouthBuild Program, which offers valuable skills training, education, and support services. We also assist eligible students with on-campus housing costs through our On-Campus Housing Program. Beyond these specific programs, we provide a range of supportive services, including financial assistance, communication support, and connections to valuable community resources.

We encourage you to explore the details of each program within this catalog. The Housing Authority of Champaign County is committed to serving our community and helping individuals and families thrive. We believe that access to safe, affordable housing is essential for building a strong and equitable community.

SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

The Housing Authority of Champaign County is dedicated to unlocking opportunities for stable housing. Whether you are a new voucher recipient or renewing your eligibility for ongoing support, we provide the resources and guidance you need for a successful housing journey. **We have committed up to \$3,000 per voucher holder to support housing needs.** Our staff are trained to connect you with essential resources and are eager to become a part of your support network.



SUPPORTIVE SERVICES



Security Deposits & Application Fees: Receive assistance with application fees and security deposits to help secure your new home.



Critical Documents: Get support in obtaining vital documents, such as birth certificates and social security cards, necessary for housing assistance.



Moving Costs: Access resources for moving trucks, temporary storage, and packing services to make your transition smoother. **Past Due Utility Bills:** Settle overdue utility bills to quickly activate services in your new home.



Transportation Assistance: Benefit from bus passes to ensure reliable transportation for housing appointments and viewings.



Housing Search Assistance: Let our dedicated housing navigation team help you find the perfect home for your family.



Tenant Readiness: Receive guidance and support to address outstanding debts or negative credit items that could impact your tenancy applications.



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The Mission of the
Housing Authority of
Champaign County is
“To create quality living
environments as a
foundation for individuals
to achieve their potential”.

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SHIFT PROGRAM

REACH YOUR GOALS & EARN UP TO **\$34,000**

Families receiving support through HACC's MTW voucher program have the chance to join the SHIFT (Family Self-Sufficiency Program). This program, funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, empowers families to work together with HACC to set and achieve goals related to education, career growth, financial stability, and personal development. With every goal accomplished, participants earn money that is deposited into a savings account managed by HACC. When they complete the program, they receive the total amount saved. For example, the average pay out for SHIFT graduates in 2024 was \$6823.00.



Benefits of the SHIFT Program

Asset Building:

As participants work toward their goals, they earn credits in a SHIFT savings account managed by HACC. Upon completing the program, participants receive the total amount saved, reinforcing their financial progress.

Financial Guidance and Mentoring:

Coaches offer support and advice to help participants strengthen their financial stability and achieve meaningful life improvements.

Customized Goal Planning:

Participants collaborate with SHIFT Coaches to define personal objectives and develop tailored strategies for reaching them.



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TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE SHIFT PROGRAM:

- Heads of Household who are current voucher recipients of HACC.
- If the Head of Household does not want to participate, another Adult Household Member can enroll instead.
- Heads of Household/Adult Household Members are participants in the Move to Work program.

TO GRADUATE FROM THE SHIFT PROGRAM, FAMILIES MUST MEET THESE GOALS:

- Head of Household Achieves Self-Sufficiency
- Household Becomes Welfare-Independent (no longer includes SNAP or Medical benefits.... just TANF)
- Maintains Good Standing with HACC and Landlord.
- Successfully Transitions Out of Housing Assistance.



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The SHIFT program has been fundamental for me in the sense that the program's initiative aligns with my personal goals. The program promotes self-sufficiency based on an individual's particular needs and what they want to achieve. In a world where life is full of uncertainty having this program to assist with focus to gain knowledge that you may not have had previously. The goal-based financial incentives presented has shown me how to budget more accurately, and to hold myself accountable for the decisions that I make that can affect my family.

The case managers are extremely helpful in empowering their participants in a positive way to ensure success. I have particularly liked the many workshops on financial freedom and homeownership, and resources they offer to further your knowledge and training. The incentives can add up to aid in reaching your financial goals. They have assisted with me furthering my college education through offered scholarships. I have also made use of the scholarships they offer for children to aid with summer enrichment.

Overall, the SHIFT program has done a fabulous job of keeping me focused by having personal and financial goals to achieve connected to incentivized benefits. The SHIFT program allows my family to utilize the steppingstones offered to achieve the outcome of self-sufficiency.

CLIENT TESTIMONIALS



Leon H

“Words cannot fully capture my gratitude for the opportunities the Housing Authority of Champaign County has afforded me. Their unwavering support has been instrumental in my personal and professional growth. They have truly been a lifeline, helping to turn what once seemed impossible into a reality.”



Jemiyah B

“Participating in the Shift program has truly been a life changing experience. I never imagined I would be able to take the leap into entrepreneurship but thanks to the incredible support and incentives provided by Shift, I was able to launch my own housing inspection company.”



Rita C

“Thanks to the SHIFT program and the Workforce Development scholarship, I am not only one step closer to achieving my goal of becoming an independent consultant and supporting marginalized families but also on the path to self-sufficiency and, in the near future, becoming a homeowner.”

CLIENT TESTIMONIALS



Crystal E

"It creates independence. It gives me a sense of having something of my own. I get to live the American dream. It allows me to be free without the restrictions of having a landlord."



LaShonda J

"My food truck has been open and successfully operating for a year as of March 17th, 2024. I am single, Black, Female Business Owner of Mama Duke's Food Truck, thanks to HACC and the many programs that are offered."



Tyeashia C

"My experience working with the HACC/SHIFT program has been a very rewarding and enlightening one. I am very grateful that this program was in place to prepare me in a lot of ways of reaching my Self-Sufficiency goal of owning a home!"



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SMALL BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM

Empowering Aspiring Entrepreneurs the HACC Small Business Opportunity Program, offered in partnership with the Illinois Small Business Development Center (SBDC), equips aspiring entrepreneurs with the knowledge, resources, and guidance needed to launch and grow successful businesses.



SMALL BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM

What we offer: \$10,000 in Small Business Grants!



Comprehensive Workshops

Participants attend workshops on business basics, including registration, plan development, and financial management.



Expert Mentorship

The program connects participants with experienced advisors from the Illinois SBDC who offer personalized support and mentorship throughout their entrepreneurial journey.



Ongoing support

Through secure funding you can access critical financial and supportive resources to launch your business venture.

HACC aims to help participants become self-sufficient. We'll review applications based on these guidelines.

1. Applicant must be in good standing with HACC prior to applying.
2. All voucher participants aged 18 and above are eligible to apply for financial assistance for the HACC Small Business Development Program.

APPLICATIONS WILL BE EVALUATED BASED ON YOUR:



Business Plan:

Must provide a well-documented strategy
outlining business goals and plan

Personal Essay:

Must provide a well-organized essay.
Special attention will be given to
organization, content, and structure



Homeownership Opportunities

At the Housing Authority of Champaign County, we are dedicated to helping you achieve homeownership and economic self-sufficiency. Our services cater to your needs, whether you are a first-time homebuyer or at any stage of the homebuying process.

Second Mortgage

- Provides a second mortgage at construction completion and closing.
- The second mortgage covers the difference between the appraised value and the maximum supported mortgage.
- Maximum second mortgage: \$40,000 per home.
- Forgivable at a rate of 5% per year over 20 years Home Purchase Option

Down Payment Assistance

- Closing Costs & Downpayment Assistance.
- Limited to \$40,000 per household: 50% of the total amount will be forgiven at 10% each year over 10 years.
- The remaining 50% of the mortgage shall become due and payable to HACC upon transfer of title to anyone other than the original head(s) of household.



Homeownership Eligibility Guidelines

To be eligible for the HACC homeownership opportunity program as a first-time homebuyer, you must have an annual gross earned income of \$40,000 or more, but less than 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI), and maintain a continuous employment history of at least three years. A minimum credit score of 650 is required, and you must be fully compliant with all MTW LSS requirements, noting that households with no earned income are ineligible. Participation in both pre-purchase and post-purchase counseling programs is mandatory, and you must secure pre-approval from a lending institution within Champaign County. Successful applicants may be eligible for up to \$15,000 in down payment assistance, provided they also meet the standard eligibility criteria for the home purchase option.



ON-CAMPUS HOUSING GRANT

- HACC has committed to providing on campus housing support to low-income students who have been accepted to an in-state school.
- Between the ages 17-24? Apply now!
- We will provide coverage for on-campus housing (only dorms through this grant)
- Must attend an in-state college with on-campus housing.
- ***Based on available funds***

YouthBuild



How Many
Students have
been Served?

235 Students



How many
certifications
have been
earned?

940 Certificates



Completion
rate for High
School
Diploma's?

**94%
Completion**



The Housing Authority of Champaign County YouthBuild program

provides education, career services, training, and trade-specific certifications to young adults (between ages 16 and 24), generally high school dropouts. The program consists of 3 components: construction (40%), education (50%), leadership (10%). YouthBuild students spend time on a job site, learning the construction trade with hands-on experiences of building homes for their communities and other small projects. This creates housing for low-income families while giving the students marketable job skills.



**22 students
have been
justice
involved**



**7 students
have become
full time
HACC
Employees**



**26 students
have found
jobs in their
wanted field**

**Over the course of 6 months student earn
\$5,000 on average with a graduation bonus of
\$1,200**

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The HACCC YouthBuild program offers:



Education

Obtain your high school diploma while gaining valuable life skills.

Job Training

Acquire hands-on experience in construction, technology, and other high-demand industries.

Leadership Development

Build confidence, leadership, and community engagement skills.

Support Services

Access to counseling, mentorship, and career guidance.

YOUTHBUILD

BENEFITS FOR YOUTH

SUPPORT NETWORK

Access to counseling, mentorship, and career planning, YouthBuild ensures that participants have the support they need to succeed.

PERSONAL GROWTH

Through leadership development and community service projects, participants gain confidence, teamwork, and problem-solving skills.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Our program partners with local businesses and organizations to provide real-world job training and internships, leading to potential employment.



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DJ WALLS
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Assistant



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PLUS BONUSES!

For more information, visit our website or contact Ryan Jelks [ryanj@hacc.net]



MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES

AGENCY NAME	PHONE NUMBER	ADDRESS
Center for Youth and Family Solutions	217-352-5179	1315 Curt Dr. Champaign, IL, 61821
Cognition Works	217-239-0142	507 W. Springfield Ave. Urbana, IL 61801
Family Services of Champaign County	217-352-0099	405 S. State St. Champaign, IL, 61820
Illini Christian Ministries	217-355-4446	3 Henson Pl. #1, Champaign, IL, 61820
NAMI Champaign County	217-419-5345	PO Box 3552, Champaign, IL, 61826
The Pavilion	217-373-1700	809 W. Church St. Champaign, IL, 61820
Presence Covenant Medical Center	217-337-2224	1400 w. Park St. Urbana, IL, 61801
Promise Healthcare	217-356-1558	819 Bloomington Rd. Champaign, IL, 61820
Psychological Services Center	217-419-5345	1801 Fox Dr. Champaign, IL, 61820 .

DISABILITY SERVICES RESOURCES

AGENCY NAME	PHONE NUMBER	ADDRESS
Community Choices	217-621-1090	1315 Curt Dr. Champaign, IL, 61821
Champaign County Advocacy and Mentoring Resources	217-586-5256	507 W. Springfield Ave. Urbana, IL 61801
Developmental Services Center	217-356-9176	405 S. State St. Champaign, IL, 61820
Div. of Rehabilitation Services	217-278-3500	3 Henson Pl. #1, Champaign, IL, 61820
PACE, Inc.	217-344-5433	PO Box 3552, Champaign, IL, 61826
Swann Special Care Center	217-356-5164	809 W. Church St. Champaign, IL, 61820
U of I/The Autism Program	217-244-1395	1400 w. Park St. Urbana, IL, 61801

PREGNANCY & CHILDCARE RESOURCES

AGENCY NAME	PHONE NUMBER	ADDRESS
Birthright	217-351-7744	201 W. Springfield Ave. #206
Center for Youth and Family Solutions	217-352-5179	1315 Curt Dr. Champaign, IL 61821
Child Care Resource Center	217-333-3252	905 S. Goodwin Ave. Urbana, IL 61801
CU Public Health District	217-352-7961	201 W. Keyon Rd. Champaign, IL 61820
Healthy Beginnings	217-365-7925	611 W. Park St. Urbana, IL 61801
Illini Christian Ministries	217-355-4446	3 Henson Pl. #1 Champaign, IL, 61820
Lutheran Social Services of Illinois	217-398-3011	1809 Woodfield Dr. Savoy, IL 61874
Planned Parenthood	217-359-8022	302 E. Stoughton St. Champaign, IL 61820
Pregnancy Resource Center	217-398-6511	205 Wilbur Ave. Champaign, IL 61824

EMPLOYMENT RESOURCES

AGENCY NAME	PHONE NUMBER	ADDRESS
Urbana School District	217-384-3564	205 N. Race St Urbana, IL 61801.
Champaign County Chamber of Commerce	217-359-1791	1315 Curt Dr. Champaign, IL 61821
Champaign Park District	217-819-3840	905 S. Goodwin Ave. Urbana, IL 61801
City of Champaign	217-403-8700	201 W. Keyon Rd. Champaign, IL 61820
City of Urbana	217-384-2451	611 W. Park St. Urbana, IL 61801
Express Employment	217-355-8500	3 Henson Pl. #1 Champaign, IL, 61820
Manpower	217-352-7875	1809 Woodfield Dr. Savoy, IL 61874
OSF Healthcare	217-337-2917	302 E. Stoughton St. Champaign, IL 61820
People Ready	217-344-6214	205 Wilbur Ave. Champaign, IL 61824

SUBSIDIZED/TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

AGENCY NAME	PHONE NUMBER	ADDRESS
Austin's Place (single women only; months vary)	217.819.4569	210 W Church Street Champaign, IL 61820
C U At Home	217-819-4569	70 E Washington St, Champaign, IL 61820
Courage Connection	217-384-4390	508 E Church St, Champaign, IL 61820
Courage Connection Hotline	1-877-384-4390	508 E Church St, Champaign, IL 61820
Emergency Shelter for Families with Children	217-328-3313	
Greater Community AIDS Project of East Central Illinois	217-351-2437	713 S Pine Street, Champaign, IL 61820
Homestead Corporation of Champaign- Urbana	217-344-1292	306 W Griggs St, Urbana, IL 61801
Merci's Refuge (lifechangeshere.org)	217-378-4045	209 Wilbur Heights Ave, Champaign, IL 61822
Restoration Urbana Ministries	217-233-8440	1213 Parkland Ct, Champaign, IL 61821
Rosecrance/Times Center	217-398-7785	2302 Moreland Blvd, Champaign, IL 61822

UTILITY & RENT ASSISTANCE

PHONE NUMBER	
Champaign County Regional Planning Commission	217-819-4099
Center for Youth and Family Solutions	217-893-1530
Empty Tomb	217-356-2262
LIHEAP	217-384-1226
Salvation Army	217-373-7832