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HCS is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization founded in 1972 that provides comprehensive housing counseling, training, advocacy, technical assistance and housing opportunities for low- and moderate-income home buyers, homeowners, and tenants; to help them achieve successful living in healthy, safe, and affordable homes.

The goal of HCS is to prevent homelessness and increase sustainable housing opportunities by providing the skills, self-esteem and empowerment necessary within families and communities. Further, HCS works to build the individual and group capacity for economic, physical, and social development of homes, neighborhoods, and communities.



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TOP is a community based transitional housing program that provides supportive housing to single adults living with HIV for up to 18 months. All participants must engage in intensive case management and adhere to program guidelines.

Due to the time limited nature of the program, all participants must demonstrate and document 40 hours per week of productive activities throughout their time in the program. Productive activities are defined as activities that will enhance a participant's ability to progress toward independent housing.

TOP participants will be supported through a rental subsidy and will be required to pay 30% of their income toward rent. All participants must demonstrate the capacity to live independently, the ability to adhere to program guidelines, and commit to daily productive activities.

TOP PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- HIV+
- Single Adult
- DC Residency
- Homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness
- Income must be at or below 50% of HUD's Area Median Income for Washington DC
- Must be able to commit to weekly productive activities.
- Must demonstrate capacity to live independently.
- Must pass criminal background check.
- Must demonstrate at least 30 days of clean time.

TO APPLY:

- All applicants must complete a Metropolitan Housing Access Program Housing Referral Packet with a Housing Counseling Services' Case Manager.
- To schedule a TOP intake appointment, please call **202-667-2681**
- Applicants must be prepared to provide the following documentation:
 - Verification of HIV status: Labs detailing CD4 and viral load count from within 6 months AND a physician's statement confirming HIV status
 - Documentation of all household income within the last 90 days
 - Documentation of all household assets and financial resources
 - Verification of homelessness or imminent risk of homelessness
 - Verification of DC Residency
 - Government Issued Photo Identification (unexpired)
 - Additional documents may be requested

