

THE HITE PROGRAM is funded by the DC Department of Health HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis, STD, and TB Administration (HAHSTA) and is administered by **Housing Counseling Services, Inc. (HCS)**

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, home owners, 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.



The Housing **INDEPENDENCE** Through Employment Program (HITE)



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THE HOUSING INDEPENDENCE THROUGH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

HITE supports highly motivated individuals in seeking increased income and improved employment opportunities with the goal of achieving their highest level of economic and housing independence. The HITE Program provides individuals with financial support for housing and employment enhancements for up to 12 months.

HITE participants will pay 30% of their income toward rent while engaged in this program and may be eligible for financial assistance to support career enhancement opportunities. Participants must agree to take active steps to improve employment opportunities and to engage with in-depth case management.

Participants must demonstrate aptitude, interest and experience in employment that, within two years, can lead to housing independence.

HITE Program Eligibility Criteria:

- HIV+
- High school diploma or GED
- Single adult
- Income must be at or below 50% of the Area Median Income:

Single adult income limit:	\$52,750 gross annually
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- Must be able to identify realistic goals, achievable within a 12 month period, to achieve economic and housing independence.
- Must engage in intensive case management and/or other HCS supportive services up to 4x/month
- Must demonstrate a housing need (homeless, at risk of homelessness, housing instability, rent-burden, etc.)

- At least 24 months of one of the following within the last 5 years:
 - Full-time employment, or a combination of part-time employment hours equal to that of full-time employment;
 - Full-time student;
 - Part-time student with part or full-time employment;
 - Paid or unpaid volunteering or internships meeting full-time hours
 - Any combination of the above

TO APPLY:

- Complete the HITE Initial Application posted on HCS website at www.housingetc.org
- Select applicants will be invited to meet with an HCS case manager to further evaluate appropriateness for HITE.
- There are a limited number of openings and the application period will be closed once the program is filled. HITE will not maintain a waiting list.

For more information please call:
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