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## **Applicants Welcome for the Central Wisconsin Partnership for Recovery RentReady Program**

Family Health Center of Marshfield, Inc. (FHC) on behalf of the Central Wisconsin Partnership for Recovery (CWPR) and in partnership with North Central Community Action Program (NCCAP) seeks referrals from transitional housing, recovery support programs, substance use disorder service providers, and other community agencies in Clark and Wood Counties for applicants for the new CWPR RentReady program.

**About RentReady:** The CWPR Rent Ready program will support individuals in long-term recovery from substance use disorder to secure a one year lease with a local landlord for independent housing. Program participants will receive financial education, including income and expense management, and will create a written personal rental history and budget portfolio that can be shared with participating landlords. The program will connect participants with a recovery coach/peer support specialist and provide resources and connections to services in the community.

Please help us identify participants who are ready for this next step in independent living. We can support several participants per year.

### **RentReady applicants should:**

- Be residents of Wood or Clark County
- Have at least 6 months of sustained recovery
- Complete an application with NCCAP to be reviewed for program readiness

All applications will be reviewed, but not all applicants will move forward. All applicant files will remain active for 6 months after review.

### **Accepted applicants will receive support as they:**

- Complete a 30 minute interview scheduled through NCCAP
- Enroll in University of Wisconsin, Division of Extension Rent Smart training
- Develop a budget of monthly income and expenses and a personal rental history portfolio to share with a landlord prior to leasing
- Establish a relationship with a peer support provider (recovery coach and/or peer specialist)
- Agree to accountability expectations with CWPR as part of tenancy, including apartment walkthroughs
- Develop a recovery wellness plan with peer support prior to tenancy
- Understand tenant's responsibility for services not outlined as part of the standard lease
- Understand that the lease is a contract between the RentReady participant and the landlord

### **Upon completion of the above, RentReady will:**

- Pay the security deposit and first month's rent directly to landlord
- Provide home essentials as needed, including some furniture if not provided as part of a lease
- Support tenants with resources and connections to services in the community

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