

Comments from program participants

"Having the support and guidelines of not using, that's what's helping me."

"Feeling safe and secure at home helps me stay in recovery."

"It's nice to feel positive about my living situation, to feel respectable."

"I'm just really grateful for the landlord accepting me and supporting me."

Addiction Recovery Program

A partnership between BC Housing and Vancouver Coastal Health

How can I get more information, or make a referral?

Access Central – Detox Referral Line

Toll-free number: **1-866-658-1221**

Hours of operation: Mon – Sun, 9am – 9pm

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What is the Addiction Recovery Program?

This program is a partnership between BC Housing and Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH).

The program provides transitional supportive housing to people in recovery from problematic substance use. The program also offers education services to BC Housing staff and consultation for tenants with problematic substance use.

Program Coordinators funded by VCH are responsible for the clinical assessment and placement of applicants into BC Housing subsidized units.

Program participants will be assessed and may be eligible to transfer into subsidized housing upon successful completion of the Addiction Recovery Program providing they meet BC Housing criteria.

What services are available through this program?

Supportive Housing Placements

Clients who meet program criteria can self-refer to the ARP waitlist by calling Access Central at 1-866-658-1221.

The Program Coordinators meet regularly with clients to review their personal recovery plan and support services.

Consultation

The Program Coordinators assist tenants with problematic substance use by recommending appropriate treatment and support services. Tenants are referred to the Coordinators through BC Housing Health Services.

The Program Coordinators work closely with BC Housing Health Services to help tenants with mental health and substance use issues.

Education

The coordinators provide educational support to BC Housing staff to help them understand key issues related to mental illness and addictions and provide information about support and treatment services that are available.

What are the criteria for acceptance to the program?

Individuals referred to the program must:

- Be a resident of the City of Vancouver.
- Have completed a recovery treatment program funded by Vancouver Coastal Health.
- Have a demonstrated commitment to recovery and abstinence for at least three months.
- Have no other appropriate housing options available.
- Be committed to an alcohol and drug free lifestyle, which may include the use of prescribed medications and opiate replacement therapies as part of their overall plan.
- Have a relapse prevention plan in place.
- Have substance use and/or mental health treatment and support services integrated into an ongoing recovery plan.
- Have a personal recovery plan, which includes social integration, job skills or education training and/or employment counselling.
- Have the skills and abilities to live independently with outreach supports.

