



## 15 Place Services Change

### Effective 2-15-2017

Housing First, Inc. is confronted with limiting services and hours of operation at their 15 Place facility, located at 279 N. Washington Street. The organization recently received notice that additional funding to support the Coordinated Entry program, (funds for which support operation of the ancillary services), were denied. After receiving this information from the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Office the Board of Directors and staff carefully reviewed the financial position of the Coordinated Entry program and made the difficult determination that the facility could no longer operate on a full time basis, nor provide the full breadth of ancillary services beginning **February 15, 2017**. Housing First, Inc. is acutely aware that these services, including day shelter, daily bag storage, showers and laundry services are needed in this community. In light of this, the agency will continue to actively work with community partners already providing these services to expand availability to the homeless population, thereby reducing negative impact to the clients we serve.

Housing First remains true to the mission and vision that every man, woman, and child will have the opportunity to have suitable, safe, and adequate housing. This will be the primary focus of continued services at 15 Place. The facility will offer case management, a Veteran's Administration liaison, medical assistance as well as other stabilizing services to the homeless community on a scheduled basis. The case management outreach staff will expand their presence in our community to identify those in need of housing related services. New and existing clients will be provided case management services by appointment at the location most accessible to them, including: our Airport location (3929 Airport Boulevard, Suite 200), 15 Place (279 N. Washington) and various locations in the community such as the local library, non-profit agencies and encampments.

Housing First, Inc. continues to provide direct service to homeless clients through programs funded by Housing & Urban Development (HUD) and the Veterans Administration (VA). These funded programs focus on four areas:

- Chronic Homeless Program provides supportive services for unaccompanied homeless individuals in Mobile and Baldwin County with a disabling condition who have been continuously homeless for one year or more OR have had at least four episodes of homelessness in the past three years, the combined total of which is 12 months or more.



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- Housing for Persons with Disabilities Program provides long-term housing with supportive services for homeless persons and families with a disability. This program enables special needs populations to live as independently as possible in a supportive setting.
- Emergency Solutions Grant Rapid Rehousing & Homelessness Prevention programs designed to serve individuals who are homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness obtain or retain housing through the provision of temporary financial assistance, case management and other stabilizing services.
- Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) Program aims to improve very low-income Veteran families' housing stability by providing outreach and case management services, as well assisting participants to obtain VA benefits and other public benefits, which may include: Health Care Services, Housing Counseling Services, Daily Living Services, Personal Financial Planning Services, Transportation Services, Fiduciary and Payee Services, Legal Services, Child Care Services, and Temporary Financial Assistance, including time-limited payments to third parties for rent, utilities, moving expense, security and utility deposits, transportation, child care and emergency supplies.

