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# COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES





## homeless outreach program

The homeless outreach program provides coordinated service delivery, decreasing the duplication of services, and to strengthens community partnerships

Currently four Homeless Outreach Specialists are providing services to the homeless community members of Lawrence. Services are provided to those community members to support them as they obtain their desired level of independence. Program participants need not be experiencing mental health issues to receive services. Bert Nash has co-located the Homeless Outreach Specialists at the following community agencies: ECKAN, Lawrence Community Shelter, and the Salvation Army.

To contact an outreach worker, please call any of the above listed agencies or to speak to a specific worker call: 785-843-9192

We support homeless community members in reaching their desired level of self sufficiency. This includes assistance with exploring housing options, mental health services, substance abuse services medical and dental services and employment through one on one support and advocacy.

In partnership with the Bert Nash Center, the City of Lawrence provided funding for the Homeless Outreach team to implement the initiative as identified in the Mayor's Task Force Plan.

## supportive housing program

Supported housing refers to transitional or permanent housing that is chosen by consumers, not isolated from the larger community, and offers individualized and flexible services and supports such as case management, individual community support services, vocational training and skill-building activities to consumers. Participants are supported as they continue to develop and improve independent living skills.

### APARTMENT-STYLE LIVING

Since 1991, the Bert Nash Center has provided supportive housing in an apartment-style living environment in Lawrence. Two 1-bedroom units and two 2-bedroom units allow individuals with recurrent mental illness to live independently in the community. Each individual has a case manager and the additional aid of community support workers for evening and weekend assistance. Rent is assessed using Housing and Urban Development and Section 8 guidelines, which equals approximately 30% of a resident's adjusted income.

### BALDWIN CITY

Supportive permanent housing has been available for individuals with recurring mental illness in Baldwin City since 1998, where the Center owns two single bedroom duplexes. Residents have access to the support of case managers as needed. Rent is assessed using HUD and Section 8 guidelines, equal to approximately 30% of a resident's adjusted income.

### HOUSING RENTAL SUBSIDIES PROGRAM

In partnership with the Lawrence/Douglas County Housing Authority, the Bert Nash Center provides "vouchers" to subsidize rent for Bert Nash Community Support Service clients (those clients with persistent mental illness) through the HOME Program. Clients seek housing within the community from landlords who are willing to accept vouchers.