



Since 1985, WINGS has provided housing and concentrated services for Chicago-area families who are homeless or are fleeing the devastating effects of domestic violence - the main cause of homelessness among women and children.

WINGS housing includes:

- 2 domestic violence emergency shelters:
 - Chicago Lawn community on the southwest side of the city
 - (length of stay: 120 days)
 - Northwest suburbs of Cook County
 - (length of stay: 6 weeks)
- 21 homes and apartments in north and northwest suburban Cook County
 - No-cost shared living homes for unemployed survivors of domestic violence and their children (length of stay: 6 months)
 - Apartments for employed survivors and their children. Clients pay 30% of their adjusted gross income toward rent. (length of stay: 2 years)
- 8 permanent supportive housing units for survivors with a medical disability.
 - Clients pay 30% of their adjusted gross income toward rent. (length of stay: undetermined)
- 2 Neighborhood stabilization homes
 - Affordable housing for low and moderate income families

WINGS wrap-around services include:

- Safety Planning
- Goal Setting
- Individual & Group Counseling
- Budget planning and financial empowerment classes
- Support groups
- Crisis intervention & management at local hospitals
- Children & family services
- Recreational activities
- Art & play therapy for children
- Access to vocational counseling
- Mentoring
- Acculturation services for Latina women
- Referrals

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