

INCOME ELIGIBILITY

One-time Admission Fees (per family):

- Security Deposit – \$75 (refundable)
- Fitness Center Fee* – \$25 (non-refundable)

*Covers the cost of a family fitness membership until exit from the Families Together program. (Family memberships cover all household members participating in Families Together. Children must be 14 years of age or older to use fitness facility without parental supervision.)

NEW Entry income requirements as of April 1, 2018.

FY 2017 MFI:\$74,100	3 Person Family	4 Person Family	5 Person Family	6 Person Family	7 Person Family	8 Person Family
20% AMI	13,854	16,734	19,614	32,616	36,774	40,968
30% AMI	20,780	25,100	29,420	33,740	38,060	42,380
50% AMI	33,350	37,050	40,050	43,000	45,950	48,950

Family must earn a minimum of \$1145.00/month (gross)

**In order to be eligible, families must be earning between 20 – 30% AMI. To determine if you qualify, go to the column that represents the number of family members that are applying for housing. Gross household income must be at least the first number listed (20% AMI) but no more than the last number listed in the column (30% AMI). Any salary in between the numbers in your column qualifies. All households must have at least three members.

The first monthly fee is pro-rated. All household rental fees are calculated by partner agency Charlotte Housing Authority and are based on 30% of gross household income. Program fees are paid to YWCA Families Together and cover rent, utilities, and supportive services.

Thank you for your cooperation. We look forward to working with you.

For general program information, to obtain a referral packet, or to cancel an appointment, contact:

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GREATEST NEEDS

The YWCA is always in need of NEW general household items for our program participants in Families Together. Visit the YWCA website to view a list of greatest needs items for Families Together.

FAMILIES TOGETHER PROGRAM



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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

YWCA *Families Together* provides affordable transitional housing and intensive support services for homeless families or those at-risk of being homeless. **Families Together is not an emergency shelter.** Participation in the housing program can vary from a few months to a maximum of eighteen months. At least one head of household per family unit needs to be earning between 20% - 30% Area Median Income at program entry (see back). **Families Together is an income-based program.** Proof of income is required at admission and throughout the length of any families' participation in the program.

Families Together Staff seek to create a safe, nurturing environment in which each family is encouraged to meet their needs constructively and to take responsibility to gain greater self-reliance.



PROGRAM QUICK FACTS

Each fully-furnished 2-story housing unit has:

- 3 or 4 bedrooms.
- 2 full bathrooms (bath/shower, sink and commode).
- First floor dining room, living room, and kitchen with stove/oven, microwave, refrigerator, sink, garbage disposal and dishwasher.
- Basic television cable hook-up.
- Access to on-site laundry room (coin operated washer, \$1.00 and dryer, \$1.25).
- Families with furniture in storage facilities are able to use their own furniture to eliminate storage fees.

For the safety of participants and staff, visitors are not allowed in the housing units without a scheduled staff escort.

FAQs

Where do referrals come from? Referrals come from homeless support partner agencies, such as Salvation Army, A Child's Place, DSS, and others. Clients cannot self-refer.

The admission process for Families Together is as follows:

- Intake interviews are scheduled, upon receipt of a completed referral packet from a referring worker, by the Families Together program director. Intake interviews are for adult household members only, unless FT staff suggest otherwise, and are held Tuesdays and Thursdays from Noon – 3 pm.
- Heads of household will receive a tour of the YWCA facility at the intake interview.
- The family and referring worker will be contacted once the intake and assessment are complete and the FT team has met to determine if the family could benefit from this program.
- Following the family's acceptance into the program and their agreement to participate, the family, the referring agency and FT staff will develop a plan for FT supportive services.

The following criteria are used to determine eligibility:

- Families must consist of at least three members with at least one minor child.
- One head of household must be at least 18 years of age.
- A reliable source of income sufficient to pay low monthly program fees and meet other financial obligations, earned by both head(s) of household (specific income criteria listed on back).
- The motivation and ability to make positive changes, as determined through assessment.
- A fit between the family's needs for growth and the level of supportive services offered by **FAMILIES TOGETHER.**
- Ability to function in a minimally supervised supportive housing situation without intensive or frequent monitoring.
- If family members are not biologically related, they need to have lived together for at least one year prior to applying to program.

The goals of the program include permanent housing upon exiting the program, adequate income and savings to sustain housing, strengthened family systems and improved sense of self-worth. Program services include:

- Affordable housing at below-market rates; (monthly fees are based on 30% of gross household income).
- An assessment by a trained clinician to determine possible needs for mental health and/or substance abuse counseling, medical attention, etc. and recommendations to access these services. Participants are required to continue any recommended outside treatment until it is complete.
- Support in the development of housing, career, financial, health, and personal goals that are reviewed at scheduled appointments with a case manager every 1-2 weeks.
- A resource center with computers, Internet access, e-mail, on-line tutorials, and a library.
- Educational and self-improvement workshops provided for parents and children on topics such as conflict resolution, self-esteem, parenting skills, stress management, health and fitness, money management, job search skills and creative arts.
- On-site Youth Learning Center providing after-school and summer programs for children in grades K-5.
- Use of a state of the art fitness center, including a swimming pool, exercise classes and fitness equipment.
- Opportunity to graduate with a Section 8 Choice Voucher (through CHA) upon completion of one year of participation and after meeting eligibility criteria (additional information provided at intake appointment).
- Referrals to other community resources as needed.

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EVERY ASPECT HELPED ME TO GET TO WHERE I AM TODAY: AN EMPLOYEE, A MOTHER, A BETTER PERSON. I DON'T KNOW WHAT I WOULD HAVE DONE WITHOUT FAMILIES TOGETHER.

— Families Together Program Graduate //