

## Chuska Apartments in Gallup expands homeless units

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The Supportive Housing Coalition of New Mexico announced June 15, that it's converting 10 apartment units at Chuska Apartments from transitional housing to permanent supportive housing effective July 1, 2017.

The organization made the decision to add additional permanent housing units in keeping with its mission to prevent and reduce homelessness through permanent supportive housing. Staff have met with local social service agencies to provide training in the application process and will offer the training as requested.

SHC-NM is seeking applicants to fill the units who meet the following requirements:

Families that are experiencing chronic homelessness – only the head of household must verify homelessness

Head of Household who has a physical or mental health disability (mental health diagnosis preferred)

Chuska currently has five two-bedroom and five three-bedroom units available. Because this is a subsidized program, participants pay 30% of their annual adjusted income in rent. All utilities are paid. Potential participants are urged to apply early to allow time for the verification process. All applicants must complete a homelessness verification and rental application (\$32.00 fee).

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Vera Cardy, service coordinator at Chuska is available to help applicants and service agencies with the process. She can be reached at (505) 863-6131.

Embracing the “Housing First” approach to ending homelessness, SHC-NM provides permanent supportive housing to individuals and families with behavioral health issues who are experiencing homelessness. Housing First is a nationally recognized “best practice,” that moves people off the street into stable, affordable housing with supportive services to address mental health, substance abuse, health, and employment needs.

SHC-NM manages seven mixed income apartment home complexes in Albuquerque, Gallup, and Las Vegas, New Mexico where individuals and families pay below-market rents.

To learn more about the Supportive Housing Coalition of New Mexico visit our website at [www.shcnm.org](http://www.shcnm.org) or contact Laurie Frappier, Director of Development at (505) 255-3643 ext. 111 or [lfrappier @shcnm.org](mailto:lfrappier@shcnm.org).