

Subject: Update on GA Emergency Housing Program: Family-Only Motel Designations

Dear Community Partners,

We are writing to share an important update regarding the General Assistance (GA) Emergency Housing program administered by the Economic Services Division (ESD).

As part of our ongoing efforts to improve the safety, efficiency and responsiveness of our emergency housing system, ESD is moving toward establishing family-designated motels to better support households with children. These motels will exclusively serve families only through the GA program, allowing for more tailored support and improved coordination of resources for this population. A list of family-designated motels is posted on our website here: <https://dcf.vermont.gov/Addressing-and-Preventing-Unsheltered-Homelessness> under [Resources](#).

Please note the following key points regarding this change:

- Not all rooms at these establishments will be occupied by GA participants, but any rooms used under the GA program at family-designated motels will be reserved exclusively for families with children.
- There may be other non-GA guests staying at the property, as these locations may continue to operate independently outside of their partnership with our program. ESD does not have oversight or control over non-GA guests or other private bookings at these motels.
- This shift is part of a broader strategy to more effectively meet the distinct needs of families and individuals experiencing homelessness, and to ensure that supportive services can be delivered more efficiently in environments better suited for family households.

We will continue to work closely with hotel and motel partners to support this transition and maintain compliance with all applicable public health and lodging regulations. You may begin to see this change reflected in housing authorizations in the coming weeks.

In collaboration with the Office of Economic Opportunity, we will be hosting a virtual Housing Community Meeting on August 20th from 9:30am to 10:30am. Please join us to hear more about this plan.





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Thank you for your continued collaboration and dedication to serving Vermonters in need. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this change further, please don't hesitate to reach out to us at **AHS.DCFESDGAAops@vermont.gov**.

Warm regards,

General Assistance Housing Program Team

