



Program Summary

Texoma Family Shelter (formerly Grayson County Shelter) has been operating continuously for 35 years and is unique among local shelters in that we are the only program-based shelter in the Texoma area offering extended-stay support to entire homeless families as well as homeless individuals. Our programs are provided at no cost.

Residential Programs: These programs are provided to all residents and tailored to their specific needs. Our staff offers support and encouragement to our residents during their stay, praising each success and each step toward self-sufficiency. Once residents progress to independent living, we further assist them with beds, furniture, dishes, kitchen ware, food baskets, etc. from our Thrift Store, allowing them to use their personal funds for other needs.

- **Case Management:** we provide daily/weekly personalized case management to ensure each individual resident receives the specific help they need to return to independent, self-sufficient living. This can include goal setting, help retrieving lost identification documents, help with completion of government assistance applications and paperwork associated with permanent housing, basic screening for mental health and substance abuse, as well as referrals to outside resources as needed. This has proven critical to resident success, reducing the rate of clients needing future stays in the shelter.
- **Job Skills Training:** we provide help with job searches, resume writing, interview skills. Residents are often employed for a time at our resale thrift store, Texoma Family Thrift, providing personal income and work experience as they work toward independence.
- **Life Skills Education:** we offer group classes and individual sessions teaching financial literacy, healthy meal preparation, parenting skills. All residents are assigned chores to help teach responsibility, teamwork, and basic household management.
- **Transportation:** we provide transportation to and from medical appointments, interviews, social services appointments.

Non-Resident Programs: Hoping to prevent further homelessness, TFS also offers the following non-residential programs to clients who are income eligible by HUD standards:

- **Case Management:** we provide help retrieving lost identification documents and referrals to other resources as needed.
- **Pantry:** we provide food in the form of both carry-out food boxes of non-perishables and fresh items, as well as individual meals. We also provide hygiene items, diapers, and baby formula as our supply permits.
- **Vouchers:** we provide vouchers to our Thrift Store for individuals who need clothing and/or basic household necessities and cannot afford them.