

Pathways to Stability

A Range of Supportive Services Addresses Individual Needs

One size does not fit all. Every homeless person took a different path to homelessness and everyone needs a different path out. For 40 years, LifeMoves has been meeting people's needs and with customized services that build self-sufficiency.

As the largest provider of interim housing and services for individuals, couples, and families experiencing homelessness in Silicon Valley, we focus on the individual's strengths and challenges. We set up a roadmap to success and celebrate even the smallest steps forward. We're committed to ending the cycle of homelessness throughout San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties.

Trust & Accountability

Foundational to the LifeMoves mission is supporting our clients on their journey to independence and a home to call their own. Every LifeMoves client is assigned a case manager to develop their unique path forward. The steps on the path are concrete and achievable. Employment services, medical care, education, shelter, and benefits are all addressed. Case Managers stay in close touch with clients, guide them to the resources they need to take each step, and provide additional support if new issues arise.

These steps are based on best practices in each sphere. Our comprehensive case management system provides conditional choices to guide clients to the specific steps for their situation — a model that may ultimately be used as a gold standard for the sector.



Our outreach team builds trust with people living in encampments as a first step in getting help. Our Case Managers connect clients with needed services to address their issues and build self-sufficiency.

Services to Address Every Need

Even within families, people may have different needs — from overcoming addiction, to finding employment. That’s why our Case Managers work with each person to overcome their personal challenges and reach their individual goals.

Housing Moves

Obtaining or retaining stable housing is the ultimate goal of every LifeMoves program. Housing Specialists and Case Managers work with clients to explore traditional and innovative options. Housing specialists work with community organizations, cities, counties, and private property owners, in order to secure living arrangements, negotiate deposits and rent, and organize move-in support.

Career Moves

Many of our clients work at jobs that simply don’t pay a living wage for the Bay Area. LifeMoves employment specialists help our adult clients increase their employment opportunities and earning potential through employment skills training, resume development, job searching training, and interview coaching.

Financial Moves

We provide workshops, as well as individual coaching, on topics such as budgeting, building and repairing credit, savings strategies, and techniques for borrowing money wisely. Clients leave LifeMoves on sound financial footing, it means that these individuals and have the tools they need to thrive and contribute to our community.

Mental Health Moves

Trauma and other behavioral health issues can be both a cause and an effect of becoming homeless. LifeMoves provides free, on-site behavioral health services to address trauma and other behavioral health challenges common among those experiencing homelessness. Services include addiction and recovery support.

Physical Health Moves

Many LifeMoves clients are at higher-risk for medical complications than the general public. Some are elderly, with chronic conditions that have been untreated. Others are Veterans with medical vulnerabilities. Our case managers enroll clients in available insurance coverage and, for clients needing medical services or support, we work with local public health programs and community partners to get our clients the care they need.

Learning Moves

Children experiencing homelessness often miss substantial periods of school. Our Education team and Children’s Services Coordinators work to ensure that all school-aged children are immediately enrolled in the school of their choice, and that they have all of the equipment and supplies they need to be successful. LifeMoves also supports adults who wish to advance their education, whether it be completing a GED or enrolling in community college.



Our services address many aspects of people’s lives to help them build their self-sufficiency.

Our Philosophy

A Client-Centered & Strengths-Focused Approach

Each person is unique and has their own challenges, strengths, and journey. Our services are uniquely tailored to meet the individual needs of each client.

Ensuring Safe Environments

Every person deserves to work or be a client in a safe environment; it is every staff and client’s responsibility to maintain a dignified, clean, welcoming and safe milieu.

Culturally Responsive & Trauma Informed

There is no ‘right program’ for every person, couple or family experiencing homelessness.

Gathering Data & Feedback

Graduate students in social work, psychology, and counseling partner with us to evaluate our programs.

Multi-Dimensional Staffing

To the extent possible services are staffed by persons with a combination work, academic, and lived experience.