

Cuyamaca College

Basic Rights Center

Housing Programs & Services



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EQUITY, EXCELLENCE,
AND SOCIAL JUSTICE
THROUGH EDUCATION

Housing Programs Overview

Hotel Bridge

- ▶ Emergency/Bridge Housing

Student Safe Parking

- ▶ Emergency/Transitional Housing

Casa Cuyamaca

- ▶ Rapid Rehousing
- ▶ Homelessness Prevention
- ▶ Move-in costs

Hotel Bridge Program

In partnership with the Hampton Inn & Suites

- ▶ Serves as emergency shelter for those who are “in between” stable housing.
- ▶ Serves as bridge housing for those who need more housing assistance.
 - ▶ Bridge housing “bridges the gap” between being unhoused and housed.
- ▶ Eligibility:
 - ▶ 1 unit at Cuyamaca College
 - ▶ Experiencing homelessness or living in an unsafe environment
 - ▶ Must have an avenue out of the hotel program
 - ▶ Must not be eligible for Safe Parking
- ▶ Length of Stay:
 - ▶ Depends on the level of need

Student Safe Parking

In partnership with Crisis House

- ▶ Serves as emergency shelter for those who living in their car.
- ▶ Serves as transitional housing for those who need more housing assistance.
 - ▶ Contributes to the transition from living in car/van to Crisis House shelters, Hotel Bridge Program, or Casa Cuyamaca
- ▶ Eligibility:
 - ▶ 1 unit at Cuyamaca College
 - ▶ Experiencing homelessness and living in car/van
 - ▶ Must not have a dependent, support person or pet with them
- ▶ Length of Stay:
 - ▶ Depends on the level of need

Casa Cuyamaca - Rapid Rehousing

In partnership with Home Start, Inc.

- ▶ Serves as long term housing
- ▶ Serves as rental assistance for those who qualify.
 - ▶ Up to one year of rental assistance
- ▶ Eligibility:
 - ▶ Half-time at Cuyamaca College
 - ▶ Experiencing homelessness or living in an unsafe environment
 - ▶ Must be employed or have stable income that can grow to take over rent
 - ▶ Must not be in first semester, or last. Must have at least one year left at Cuyamaca
 - ▶ CEP required
 - ▶ Must be making SAP by the second quarter of rental assistance

Fall 2025

- ▶ Permanently housed 5 students

Casa Cuyamaca - Rapid Rehousing

How it works:

- ▶ Students work with a case manager/housing navigator at Home Start
- ▶ Once a viable home is found, Home Start provides the leasing agent with a promissory note and a letter of support from Cuyamaca Cares.
 - ▶ This program allows us to bypass low credit scores, and ineligible income
- ▶ We pay all move-in costs (deposit, first month, application fees)
- ▶ We begin paying full (or close to full) rent, then quarter by quarter, we pay less and less, the student pays more and more.
 - ▶ This allows the student to build up to being self-sustaining
- ▶ Throughout the year, the student meets with Cuyamaca Cares, Home Start, mental health, and general counseling to stay on track with academic goals.
- ▶ At the end of the year lease, that apartment is now the students' to keep.

Casa Cuyamaca - Prevention

Homelessness Prevention

- ▶ Serves as emergency rental assistance
 - ▶ Eviction prevention; prevents a student from becoming unhoused
- ▶ Eligibility:
 - ▶ 1 unit at Cuyamaca College
 - ▶ Issued an pay-or-quit eviction notice, in the student's name
 - ▶ Landlord must have a w9

Fall 2025

- ▶ Prevented the eviction of 2 students

Casa Cuyamaca - Move-in Costs

Why?

- ▶ Some students make enough money to pay rent, but:
 - ▶ May not meet the income requirements to move in
 - ▶ May not meet the credit requirements to move in
- ▶ Eligibility:
 - ▶ 1 unit at Cuyamaca College
 - ▶ Show proof of income for future rent payments
 - ▶ Landlord must have a w9
 - ▶ Student must complete a financial literacy training

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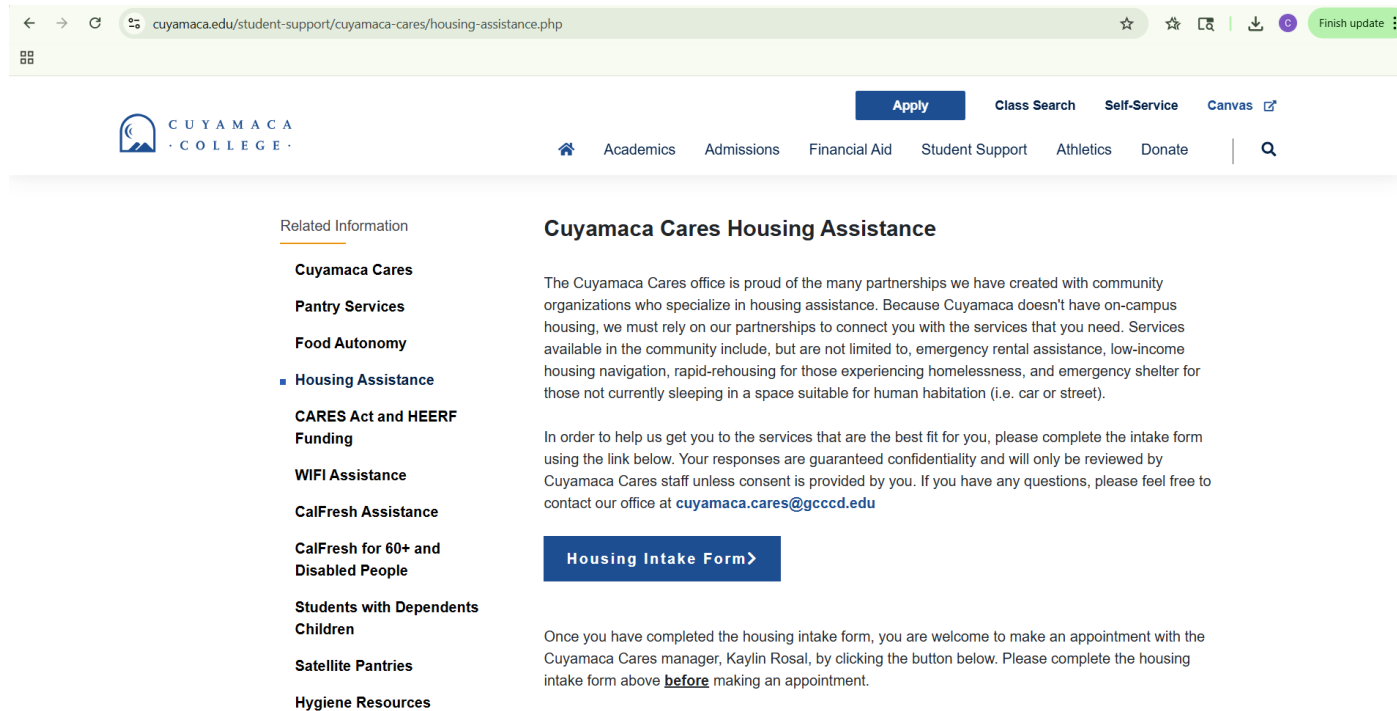
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Since the start, the Basic Rights Center has:

- Assisted 109 students in their journey off the street or out of unsafe spaces
- Housed 82 students

How you can continue to help:

No matter what a student says, the first step is always the housing intake form.



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL `cuyamaca.edu/student-support/cuyamaca-cares/housing-assistance.php`. The page features the Cuyamaca College logo and a navigation menu with links to Academics, Admissions, Financial Aid, Student Support, Athletics, and Donate. A sidebar on the left lists various support services, with 'Housing Assistance' highlighted. The main content area is titled 'Cuyamaca Cares Housing Assistance' and provides information about the services offered, including emergency rental assistance, low-income housing navigation, and rapid-rehousing. It also includes a link to the 'Housing Intake Form' and a paragraph explaining the confidentiality of the intake process and the importance of completing the form before making an appointment.

Related Information

- Cuyamaca Cares
- Pantry Services
- Food Autonomy
- Housing Assistance**
- CARES Act and HEERF Funding
- WIFI Assistance
- CalFresh Assistance
- CalFresh for 60+ and Disabled People
- Students with Dependent Children
- Satellite Pantries
- Hygiene Resources

Cuyamaca Cares Housing Assistance

The Cuyamaca Cares office is proud of the many partnerships we have created with community organizations who specialize in housing assistance. Because Cuyamaca doesn't have on-campus housing, we must rely on our partnerships to connect you with the services that you need. Services available in the community include, but are not limited to, emergency rental assistance, low-income housing navigation, rapid-rehousing for those experiencing homelessness, and emergency shelter for those not currently sleeping in a space suitable for human habitation (i.e. car or street).

In order to help us get you to the services that are the best fit for you, please complete the intake form using the link below. Your responses are guaranteed confidentiality and will only be reviewed by Cuyamaca Cares staff unless consent is provided by you. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office at cuyamaca.cares@gcccd.edu

[Housing Intake Form](#)

Once you have completed the housing intake form, you are welcome to make an appointment with the Cuyamaca Cares manager, Kaylin Rosal, by clicking the button below. Please complete the housing intake form above before making an appointment.

Questions?

Kaylin.rosal@gcccd.edu

[Cuyamaca.edu/Cuyamaca-cares](https://cuyamaca.edu/Cuyamaca-cares)

HARRT Team

HIGH AT RISK RESPONSE TRIAGE

If you're concerned about a student's safety or well-being, the HARRT Team is here to help.

HOW TO REPORT A CONCERN

To share a concern about a student in distress or in potential danger, please use the Incident Reporting Form on the Student Engagement & Belonging webpage: cuyamaca.edu/harrt-team.

This form is the official way to notify the HARRT Team and provides a consistent method for documenting and responding to concerning behaviors



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The High at Risk Response Triage (HARRT) Team supports current students who may be struggling with behaviors or challenges that affect their well-being or academic success. This includes concerns related to mental health, housing, or food insecurity.
Unlike the Student Conduct process, which addresses violations of the student code of conduct, the HARRT Team's goal is to provide care, coordination, and support to help students overcome challenges and stay on track.

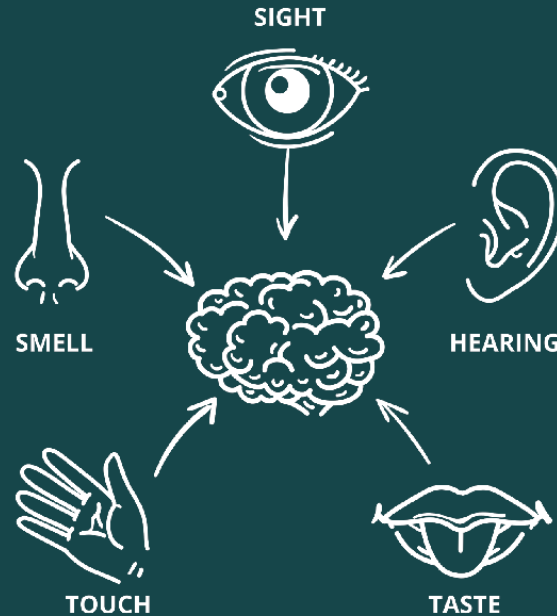
Responding to Referrals
When a referral is submitted through the online reporting form, an automatic notification is sent to the HARRT Team Chair (or designee). Each referral generates a case, and a case manager is assigned to follow up.
If a referral falls outside the HARRT Team's scope, the team connects students with appropriate campus or community resources whenever possible, and the referring party is provided with information and alternative support options.

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Please click [HERE](#) to report a concern.



COME BACK TO YOU:

USING YOUR SENSES TO DE-STRESS



Join us for an interactive grounding workshop designed to help you manage stressful moments, strengthen mindfulness, and build tools you can use anytime, anywhere.

In this session, we'll explore gentle sensory grounding practices that invite you to connect with sensations that feel neutral, comforting, or pleasant.

December 2, 2025 • Room: Student Center,
I-209 • Time: 12:30 to 1:15 pm

Presented by: Lynne Tran, LCSW
Adjunct Mental Health Counselor



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Thank you!

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