

Community Access Unlimited HOME FIRST: Financial Stability Program



Electric



Gas



Water

CAU Representative Payee Program Brings Financial Stability and Housing Security to New Jersey Residents

Community Access Unlimited Inc,

recognized by SSA as an Organizational Representative Payee for Social Security beneficiaries, has initiated a program that could be a possible solution to many homeless individuals that are eligible for Social Security benefits in New Jersey.

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ensures that the participants of the program continue to receive Social Security entitlements, and ensures that their basic needs (such as housing and utilities) are paid on a monthly basis directly to the providers.

HFFSP has a comprehensive financial system in place with the latest technology to successfully serve participants by:

- Providing bookkeeping records to SSA
- Ensuring that rent and utilities are paid on time directly to the landlord or service provider
- Distributing the remaining funds to the participants directly for personal use

HFFSP also provides guidance to the participant on how to obtain other county and state benefits such as Section 8, food stamps, low income housing, and more.

How does the program work?

1. CAU will apply to become the participant's Representative Payee.
2. CAU will create a budget plan for the participant and obtain expense information through a one-on-one interview.
3. Upon receiving the participants benefits, the HFFSP program staff will take over responsibility for paying participants rent and utilities, ensuring that each is paid directly and on time.
4. Remaining funds will be distributed to the participants based on the method agreed, such as by check or direct deposit to a bank account by the 5th of the month.
5. HFFSP staff will prepare a budget statement for the participant and provide it to authorized parties.

Service Fee:

As per SSA regulations, a services fee of \$41.00 or 10% (whichever is lower) will be deducted from the participants SS benefits upon receiving the benefits from SSA and before paying any bills.

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