

Dakota County's Referral Process & Eligibility Criteria Requirements for Bridging, Inc.

The referral process is as follows:

Social Services: The direct staff serving the individual consults with their supervisor, and—if appropriate—the supervisor approves the referral and initiates the referral process to the vendor with the required additional department approvals.

Public Health: Referrals for Bridging, Inc. begin with the Public Health Nurse (PHN) first discussing the need with their direct supervisor. The supervisor will then recommend that the nurse bring the referral to the next staff meeting or an email to be sent to their direct team. Staff will then discuss Bridging, Inc., as well as other possible resources for the family with their team. The team will approve the referral if appropriate. The supervisor will then give the final approval of the referral. The PHN requesting the referral will then submit a referral to Public Health Intake to complete the actual referral to Bridging, Inc.

Eligibility Criteria requirements are as follows:

Social Services: Families being served by Children and Family Services who are transitioning out of homelessness.

Public Health: Pregnant or parenting with risk factors which include low socio-economic status, history of homelessness or extenuating circumstance, etc.