Getting In

A provider needs to make a referral for someone to get into respite. To make a referral please call the Harborview operator at 206.744.3000 and ask the operator to page the Respite screener. The screener will call back and ask questions to see if the patient can be admitted.
The Edward Thomas House Medical Respite provides care for homeless people who are too sick for shelters or the street but not sick enough for the hospital.

Nurses, doctors social workers help patients get better and link them with needed services such as housing, case management and counseling.

Who We Are and What We Do

Qualifications
- Referred by a provider
- Homeless
- Acute medical problem requiring short-term care
- Medically and mentally stable
- Able to take care of themselves; eating, dressing, bathing
- Wanting care

Respite Expectations
- No weapons
- No threatening behavior
- No stealing
- No dealing or trading drugs or medicine
- No entering Jefferson Terrace

Our Philosophy
Our goal at Respite is to help patients get better quickly and get the services they need. We practice harm reduction which means people don’t need to stop drinking and drugging to get help; they just can’t use while in the building.

What to Expect
- Patients will be sharing a room with another person.
- Three hot meals a day.
- High quality, respectful care.

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