

Permanent Supportive Housing

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Permanent Supportive Housing Works!



Helping people choose, get, and keep appropriate housing

What is

Permanent Supportive Housing?

Permanent Supportive Housing offers voluntary, flexible supports to help people with psychiatric disabilities choose, get, and keep housing that is decent, safe, affordable, and integrated into the community.

Central to the approach is a belief that people with psychiatric disabilities should have the right to live in a home of their own, without any special rules or service requirements.

How does Permanent Supportive Housing help tenants?

With flexible supports, people with psychiatric disabilities can live in housing of their choice, just like any other member of the community. Programs take different approaches to housing. In some, people live in units reserved for the program's tenants, among those with and without special needs. In others, people receive the program's help finding, qualifying for, and keeping housing on the open market. All tenants have access to an array of services that help them keep their housing, such as case management, assistance with daily activities, conflict resolution, and crisis response. Tenants also receive help in becoming fully participating members of the community, through assistance with socialization and seeking employment.

Permanent Supportive Housing helps people choose, get, and keep housing that meets their needs and preferences.

How does Permanent Supportive Housing work?

- **Flexible, voluntary supports** Permanent Supportive Housing staff offers flexible, voluntary services designed to help people choose housing that meets their needs, obtain and pay for that housing, and keep the housing for as long as they choose.
- **Quality housing** Housing meets standards for safety and quality established by local, state, and federal laws and regulations. Housing is similar to what is available to others at similar income levels in the community.
- **Rental assistance** Tenants typically pay 30 percent of their income toward rent plus basic utilities. The remainder is paid either by tenant-based rental assistance, which tenants can use in housing of their choice, or project-based rental assistance, which is linked to a specific location.
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- **Functional separation of housing and supports** Tenants sign a standard lease, just like any other member of the community, giving tenants the same legal rights. Continued tenancy is not subject to any special rules or participation in any particular services.
- **Integration** Tenants' homes are located throughout the community or in buildings in which a majority of units are not reserved for people with disabilities. Tenants have opportunities for interactions with the community.