

PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING (PSH)

Permanent supportive housing means voluntary, flexible supports to help individuals with psychiatric disabilities choose, get, and keep housing that is decent, safe, affordable, and integrated into the community. 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 consistent with evidence-based practice standards published by SAMHSA.

Who is PSH for?

PSH is a proven approach to the problem of homelessness and improves overall quality of life. PSH is not intended only for people who are homeless but is also for low-income families, people with mental disorders, seniors, students, and homeless adults.

What does PSH do?

There are a few approaches to PSH including project-based rental assistance, sponsor-based rental assistance, and tenant-based rental assistance. These strategies can be provided in single-site housing or scattered-site housing. All PSH follow core elements and should meet HUD's standard of quality, Housing Quality Standards (HQS).

How does PSH help?

PSH provides sufficient wraparound supports to allow people with significant support needs to remain in the housing they have chosen. Staffing patterns vary depending on the size of the PSH program and services available. . 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.

How is PSH funded?

Funding for PSH is available through a braided approach of local, state, and federal dollars. The strategies adopted to implement PSH influence the funding opportunities available.

PSH Core Elements

- ❖ Flexible, voluntary supports in choosing, obtaining, and keeping housing.
- ❖ Quality housing that meets local, state, and federal laws/regulations.
- ❖ Housing is affordable and rental assistance is available.
- ❖ Standard, renewable lease in the tenant's name, therefore having full rights of tenancy under landlord-tenant law.
- ❖ Functional separation of housing and supports, tenants cannot be evicted for rejecting additional services.
- ❖ Integration into the community.