

IOWANS NEED *Permanent Supportive Housing*

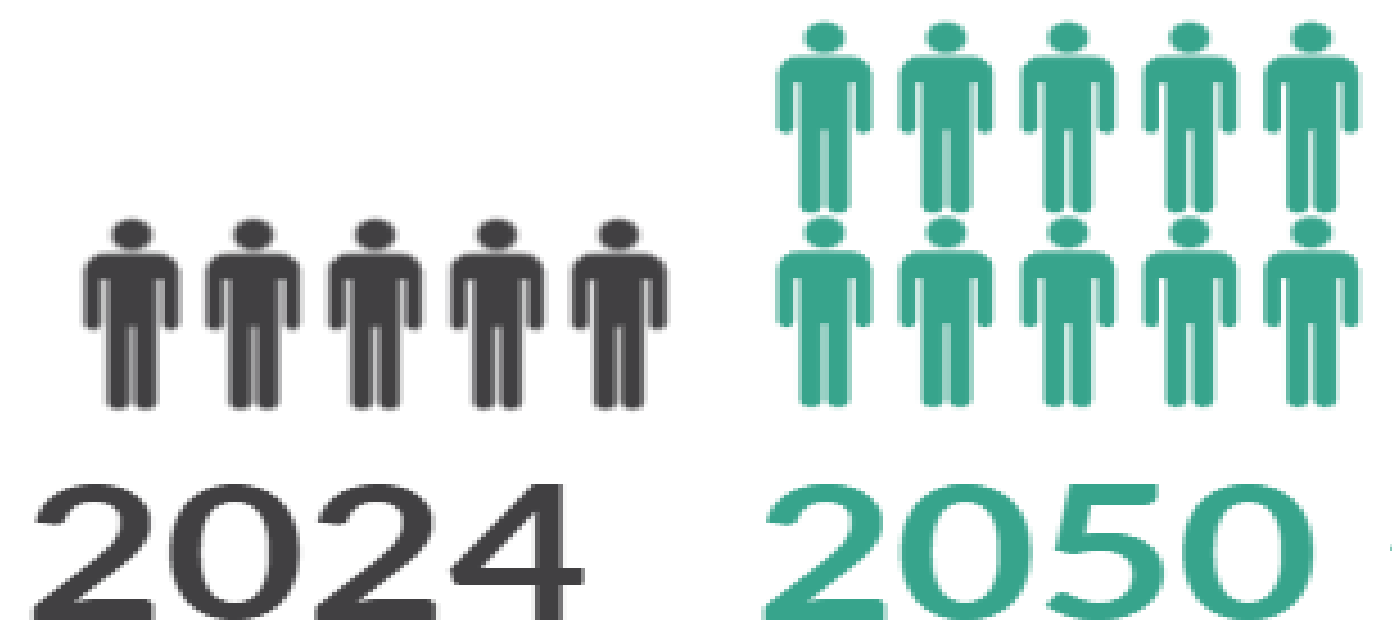


Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) is an **evidence-based, minimal barrier** housing intervention prioritized for individuals with complex, multi-occurring conditions that meet **fidelity to established standards**.

Individuals live with **affordability, autonomy, and dignity** through the combination of **person-centered, flexible, voluntary** support services.

Permanent Supportive Housing Need

Approximately **9,066** households in Iowa are in **need** of permanent supportive housing with the greatest need being among Iowa's **aging population (3,856 households)**.¹



The number of **elderly** people experiencing homelessness will **DOUBLE** by 2050, and the **health** of older homeless is **deteriorating** at rates much **faster** than the general population.

The Many Benefits of PSH

- REDUCES** hospitalizations and emergency department visits resulting in decreased use of dollars to support these high-cost services.²
- REDUCES** Recidivism and is fiscally responsible.
- POSITIVE SHIFTS** in health use, from crisis care to preventative care.
- COST-EFFECTIVE** strategy to reduce homelessness when using the Housing First approach.

CALL TO ACTION



SUPPORT

regulations and tax incentives that promote accessible, equitable, and standardized design



EXPAND

Medicaid HCBS options to include housing interventions, such as PSH



INCREASE

federal, state, and local funding for Permanent Supportive Housing

SOURCES:

¹Corporation for Supportive Housing. 2024. *Supportive Housing Needs Assessment*.
²National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (2018). *Permanent Supportive Housing: Evaluating the Evidence for Improving Health Outcomes Among People Experiencing Chronic Homelessness*.