

Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)

What is the Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) program?

The Louisiana Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) program combines permanent, subsidized rental housing with flexible, individualized housing supports to people with disabilities.

If I qualify, what services may I receive from this program?

PSH offers rental assistance for a variety of integrated housing units so that individuals with disabilities are able to remain in or reenter the community. PSH participants pay 30% of their monthly income on rent.

Services that support successful tenancy are provided by Community Support Specialists who assist PSH tenants in the application and leasing process. This specialist will help you seek reasonable accommodation and support you in acquiring the skills and resources necessary to be a successful tenant.

Tenancy support services are included at no additional cost. The services depend on the needs of the residents, but may include:

- Pre-tenancy support, such as help obtaining the necessary documents to complete housing application and moving into the new unit
- Assistance for the individual to develop daily living skills specific to managing his own home, including managing his money, medications, and transportation, using community resources, and other self-care requirements
- Assistance communicating with landlord and neighbors
- Social support
- Strength-based, solution-focused individual counseling
- Crisis intervention and 24-hour emergency services

Who can qualify for Permanent Supportive Housing?

Eligibility for PSH is based on a household with the following three criteria:

(1) A person who has a significant, long term disability and is currently receiving Medicaid or Ryan White services; for example:

- Long Term-Personal Care Services (LT-PCS);
- Community Choices Waiver (CCW);
- New Opportunities Waiver (NOW);
- Access to Recovery (ATR), which offers substance abuse treatment and recovery support services;
- Cooperative Agreement to Benefit Homeless Individuals (CAHBI), which provides treatment and housing support for the chronically homeless;
- Medicaid-funded home and community-based services [such as Mental Health Rehabilitation (MHR)]; etc.

(2) Is in need of housing supports offered by the PSH program; and

(3) Meets low-income requirements (at or below 50% of area median income).

NOTE: For the Section 811 Project Rental Assistance branch of PSH, eligible applicants must be between the ages of 18 and 62, and income limits are at 30% area median income.

A substantial, long term disability may include, but is not limited to, the following:

- Developmental disability (disability that occurred before the age of 22)
- Serious mental illness (mental illness or mental illness with substance abuse)
- Disability acquired after the age of 22 (physical disability, cognitive disability, sensory disability, disability caused by chronic illness, disability caused by HIV/AIDS who are no longer able to work)
- Age-related disability (i.e., frail, elderly)

**For more information on the PSH program
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