



How to Access Supportive Housing in Your Community



Supportive Housing means *support services* too!

Self-Advocates have a lease and live alone or with someone they choose. It is not a residential program, group home, institution or nursing home.

Housing



Because many self-advocates have a fixed income from Social Security and/or employment, supportive housing needs to be affordable. So the self-advocate pays a portion of the rent, and a subsidy covers the rest. To find housing:

- Get on the Statewide Referral Network (SRN) through your Independent Service Coordination (ISC) Agency. [Click here](#). This statewide wait list for affordable housing matches those who are eligible with units.
- Contact your local housing authority about a unit or voucher waitlist. Some housing authorities prioritize people with disabilities.
- Use <http://www.ilhousingsearch.org> to identify affordable housing in your area. These units have a set rent amount that is lower than market rate rents.

Services



Supportive housing ensures each person has individualized supports based on his or her needs so they can live in an apartment or house like anyone else.

Step 1. Determine which services will result in the most independence and how to access them. You should:

- Get on the PUNS list through your local Independent Service Coordination (ISC) Agency.
- Maximize natural supports. This could be family, church, or friends.
- Call local Department of Rehabilitation Services to explore home services.
- Consult Special Needs Trust, ABLE account, and other financial planning tools for long-term support.
- Determine if family will pay for services privately.

SERVICE MODELS IN SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

Intermittent CILA

- Less than 24/7
- Provider agency hires support
- Providers must be able to offer services only
- Self-Advocate keeps public benefit (SSI)

Home-Based Supports

- Funding for services is 3 times SSI amount
- Self-Advocate or family hires support
- Home-based funding and natural supports must meet service needs
- Self-Advocate keeps public benefit (SSI)

Licensed 24/7 CILA

- Some provider agencies have been able to provide services in apartments through the traditional licensed 24/7 supervision model
- Must explore possibility with provider agency

Questions or Need More Information?

Learn more at <http://www.csh.org/il>

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