

Housing Options for Individuals with Disabilities

Housing Planning

- Some people may receive a Medicaid Waiver
 - Must meet eligibility criteria for County Board Services
 - Waiting list for Waivers
 - Contact your local County Board
- Waivers do not fund housing
 - Waivers provide supports and services
 - Staff support, technology supports, day supports, etc...



Housing Planning

- Rent and utilities must be paid from other sources
 - Earned income
 - Social Security (SSI/SSDI)



Housing Planning

- Two pieces to housing planning
 - Physical Housing
 - Supports to live in that housing
- Today we are going to talk about planning for Physical Housing



Housing Planning

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 - Living independently?
 - Do I want roommates?
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Types of Housing

- Congregate/Group Home
 - Up to 4 individuals living in the same home
 - Rent/utilities divided equally
 - Each individual has their own lease



Types of Housing

- Shared Living
 - Individual with a disability gets the support they need while living with a paid caregiver
 - Adult Foster Care



Types of Housing

- Independent Living with Drop In Supports
 - Individual with a disability has drop in supports based on need
 - Individual has their own lease
 - Apartment/House



Housing Search

- How do I find a place to live?
 - Websites
 - Classifieds



Affordable Housing

- Housing that can be paid for while still having money left over for other necessities
- Dependent on income
 - Defined by federal government as no more than 30% of income



Affordable Housing

- Low Income Apartment Communities
- Typically a waitlist
- Application required
- Rent can be based on a sliding scale
- <https://affordablehousingonline.com/>



Subsidized Housing

- Project – Based Housing
- Rent subsidy stays with the building
- Waitlist through the local housing authority



Subsidized Housing– Vouchers

- Must be at least 18 years of age
- HUD establishes income limits
- Apply through local housing authority
- Placed on waitlist – based on preferences



Subsidized Housing - Vouchers

- Housing Choice Voucher Program
- Rent subsidy moves with the individual
- Waitlist through the local housing authority



Subsidized Housing - Vouchers

- Property owners must be willing to accept the voucher and meet inspection requirements
- Redetermination annually

