

EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Employment and Education programs include the State Department of Rehabilitation/Department of Mental Health Cooperative Agreement and a website, www.wcrc.pbwiki.com, that has job and educational opportunities.

To facilitate consumers' access to other employment and education resources, partnerships have been established with the Los Angeles Unified School District, WorkSource Centers, community colleges, adult education and apprenticeship programs.

For more information on eligibility requirements and how to access these programs and resources including applications and guidelines go to:

dmh.lacounty.gov

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COUNTYWIDE HOUSING, EMPLOYMENT & EDUCATION RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (CHEERD) PROGRAMS

COUNTYWIDE HOUSING, EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATION RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

The **Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (DMH), Countywide Housing, Employment and Education Resource Development (CHEERD) Division** develops and manages housing resources and mental health programs that provide outreach, engagement and mental health services to DMH consumers that are homeless. CHEERD also manages employment and education programs, and provides training, technical assistance and advocacy on housing, employment and education. The goal of CHEERD is to support the wellness and recovery of consumers as they reclaim their hopes, dreams, and aspirations.

HOMELESS OUTREACH AND SERVICE PROGRAMS

CHEERD operates a range of programs that provide mental health services to homeless individuals with Severe Mental Illness (SMI). **Homeless Services Teams** (formerly SB-82 Mobile Triage Teams), provide outreach and engagement services with the goal of linking participants to ongoing treatment. **Homeless Full Service Partnership (FSP)** provides ongoing, field based, intensive mental health services tailored to the complex needs of homeless individuals with SMI. **Integrated Mobile Health Team Full Service Partnership (IMHT-FSP)**, provides similar services with added capacity to address chronic health conditions and substance use disorders. **Housing Full Service Partnership and Intensive Case Management Services (ICMS)** provide case management and mental health services to clients in PSH to promote stability and housing retention.

The following are descriptions of the housing programs administered by CHEERD. Eligibility criteria for these resources varies depending on the program but generally includes:

- Meeting the homeless/chronically homeless criteria as defined by The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).
- Being assessed and prioritized for Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) through the Coordinated Entry System (CES).
- Having a serious mental illness or serious emotional disturbance.

HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The **Housing Assistance Program** assists consumers with funds for security deposits, household goods and eviction prevention. Consumers accessing these resources must be homeless or at risk of homelessness and have limited or no income. Brilliant Corners administers this program on behalf of DMH.

FEDERAL HOUSING SUBSIDIES PROGRAM

Through grants from the City and County Housing Authorities the **Federal Housing Subsidies Program** provides consumers access to Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) subsidies such as Shelter Plus Care, Tenant Based Supportive Housing, and Section 8. These subsidies make units affordable for consumers who pay a limited percentage of their income as rent, with the balance paid to the property owner by the Housing Authority.

CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT OF PSH

The **Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Special Needs Housing Program** administered by the California Housing Finance Agency and the **Mental Health Housing Program** administered by the Community Development Commission provides capital development and operating subsidy funding for the development of PSH for DMH consumers who are homeless. Through partnerships with developers, on-site service providers and property management companies, DMH is investing in affordable housing for individuals with mental illness and their families. DMH and its network of agencies provide the mental health services to the consumers living in the MHSA funded units. There are developments that target Families, Transition Age Youth, Seniors and Adults.

INTERIM HOUSING PROGRAM

The **Interim Housing Program (IHP)** is intended to provide short-term shelter services for adults with mental illness and their minor children who are homeless and do not have adequate income to pay for temporary housing. The IHP provides safe and clean shelter, 24-hour general oversight, three meals each day, linens, clothing and toiletries. The IHP is utilized as a bridge to permanent housing.