

PSH RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Referral, Access & Data (RAD) Unit

RAD serves as the DMH lead for the CES and ensures that all DMH-managed PSH units are filled with eligible individuals. RAD works with Service Area Housing Leads to ensure DMH clients who are experiencing homelessness have an opportunity to access PSH. This includes collecting referrals from the Housing Leads and sending them to the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), who is responsible for CES PSH matching. The RAD Unit also provides case consultation and training for DMH providers that is catered to their individual needs.

PSH SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

Housing Supportive Services Program (HSSP)

HSSP is a program that delivers field-based specialty mental health services to individuals with SMI living in PSH. HSSP services are provided as part of an integrated services model in which LACDMH, the Department of Homeless Services and Housing (HSH) and the Department of Public Health - Substance Abuse Prevention and Control (DPH-SAPC) partner to respectively provide mental health services, intensive case management services and substance-use focused services to PSH residents to promote housing stability and retention.

For information on how to access Housing Division resources including program applications and guidelines, visit: <https://dmh.lacounty.gov/our-services/housing/>

Additional questions?
Contact us at:
housing@dmh.lacounty.gov

LACDMH Values

Integrity. We conduct ourselves professionally according to the highest ethical standards.

Respect. We recognize the uniqueness of every individual and treat all people in a way that affirms their personal worth and dignity.

Accountability. We take responsibility for our choices and their outcomes.

Collaboration. We work together toward common goals by partnering with the whole community, sharing knowledge, building strong consensus and sharing decision-making.

Dedication. We will do whatever it takes to improve the lives of our clients and communities.

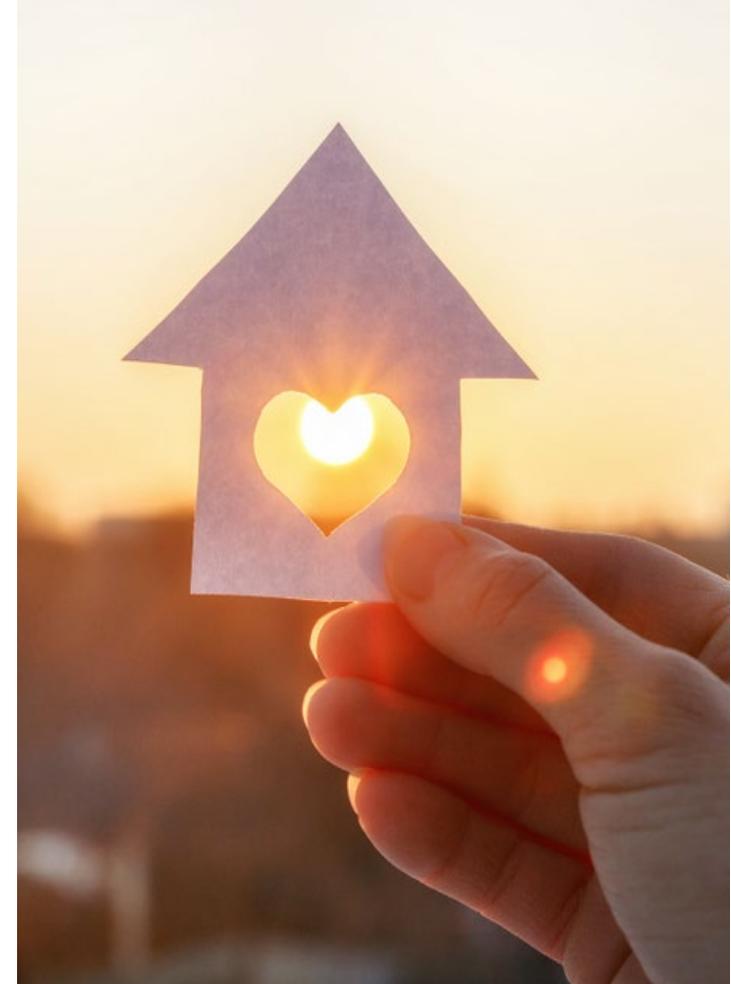
Transparency. We openly convey our ideas, decisions and outcomes to ensure trust in our organization.

Quality and Excellence. We identify the highest personal, organizational, professional and clinical standards and commit ourselves to achieving those standards by continually improving every aspect of our performance.

If you are in crisis and need help right away, call our 24/7 toll-free Help Line: [800.854.7771](tel:800.854.7771)

Those with hearing or speech disabilities may [call 711](tel:711) and ask the operator – who will serve as the interpreter between the caller and our staff – to call our Help Line.

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OVERVIEW

The **Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (LACDMH) Housing Division** administers housing resources for people experiencing or at risk of homelessness and programs that provide supportive services to individuals who are formerly homeless and living in Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH). All resources and programs are intended to support LACDMH clients who have a Serious Mental Illness (SMI) or Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED). Other eligibility criteria for housing resources and programs may include:

- Meeting the definition of homeless or chronically homeless as specified by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) or other funding source.
- Providing evidence of financial need as determined by the program.
- Being assessed and prioritized for PSH through the Coordinated Entry System (CES) or similar system that identifies vulnerability.

The goal of the Housing Division is to support the wellbeing and recovery of those served as they reclaim their hopes and aspirations.



INTERIM HOUSING

Interim Housing Program (IHP)

The IHP provides short-term shelter services for adults and Transition Age Youth (TAY) with SMI or SED and their minor children who are experiencing homelessness. IHP sites serve as a bridge to permanent housing and provide safe and clean shelter, 24-hour general oversight, three meals per day, linens, clothing and toiletries. Through an award of **Behavioral Health Bridge Housing (BHBH) Program** funding from the State, LACDMH has expanded the size and scope of the IHP including providing housing navigation services and activity coordination at all IHP sites and enhanced clinical services at most sites.

PSH CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT

Capital Investments Program

Since 2008, LACDMH has invested over \$1 billion in MHSA funds toward the development of project-based PSH for individuals with SMI or SED and their families who are experiencing homelessness through such programs as the **Mental Health Housing Program** and **No Place Like Home**, administered by Los Angeles County Development Authority, and the **MHSA Housing Program** and **Special Needs Housing Program**, administered by California Housing Finance Agency. Through partnerships with developers and their property managers, LACDMH funding for capital development and operating subsidies has created thousands of PSH units for TAY, Adults, Seniors, Veterans and Families. Capital investments in PSH will further expand with new State funding available through Proposition 1 including **Homekey+** and the **Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA)**.

PERMANENT HOUSING

Federal Housing Subsidies Unit (FHSU)

Through contracts with the local Housing Authorities, FHSU provides LACDMH clients experiencing homelessness with access to tenant-based PSH subsidies such as Continuum of Care, Tenant Based Supportive Housing and Housing Choice Vouchers including Homeless Section 8. These subsidies make units affordable by allowing clients to pay a percentage of their income as rent, while the Housing Authority pays the remaining balance.

Flexible Housing Subsidy Pool (FHSP)

The FHSP provides LACDMH clients who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness with locally-funded rental subsidies, move-in assistance and eviction prevention support. The FHSP includes the following programs:

- **Housing for Mental Health:** Assists those in select Full Service Partnership programs.
- **Housing for Empowered Adult Living (HEAL):** Assists those moving from licensed residential care facilities to more independent settings.
- **Rental Assistance Program (RAP):** Assists those ineligible for Federal housing subsidies.
- **Housing Assistance Program (HAP):** One-time funding for security and utility deposits, household goods and eviction prevention.

Enriched Residential Care (ERC) Program

ERC provides funding for individuals with SMI who have higher acuity needs to obtain and maintain housing at an Adult Residential Facility (ARF) or Residential Care Facility for the Elderly (RCFE) including paying for rent, personal and incidental expenses and/or enhanced services rates. ARF/RCFEs are licensed, unlocked facilities that provide 24-hour care and supervision, medication management, three meals per day and assistance with activities of daily living. ERC also supports the preservation of ARF/RCFEs Countywide through the BHBH Program and **Community Care Expansion (CCE) Program**, providing funding to facilities for capital projects and operating subsidies.