

# Accessing Housing: No Easy Answers

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## What is Supportive housing?

- Supportive Housing is affordable rental housing for people with very low incomes and disabilities (or multiple barriers to community living) PLUS the social/health services (including behavioral and physical health) that they want and need to succeed in the community.
- Supportive Housing is not intended for every population that needs access to affordable housing. The threshold of need for supportive housing is higher than the simple need for affordable housing.

# Statewide Referral Network

- Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA) – State Housing Finance Authority
- Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC)
- IHDA wanted to create more supportive housing, give extra points for setting aside 10-20% of entire projects units as supportive housing
- [www.ILHousingSearch.org](http://www.ILHousingSearch.org) Wait List
- Service providers “pledge” to support the person referred by providing social services

## What is the statewide Referral network (SRN)?

- The Statewide Referral Network (SRN) links vulnerable populations, who are already connected to services, to affordable, available, supportive housing. It is managed by the Statewide Housing Coordinator for Long Term Care Reform. Social Service Providers assist eligible households to get their name on the waiting list (by using the PAIR module). The waiting list manager verifies eligibility and when a SRN unit becomes eligible matches the eligible waiting list participants with the unit.
- Eligible SRN supportive housing populations include *persons with disabilities, persons experiencing homelessness and persons at-risk of homelessness*. In addition, a person or family must have *income at 30% of Area Median Income or below*.

# Statewide Referral Network

- Eligible referrals are people with a disability, people experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness and who are making no more than 30% of Area Median Income (AMI)
- Not a lot of units but a potential resource
- May Building in Edwardsville

## How does a consumer ACCESS SRN?

- Case Managers, Care Coordinators, Housing Locators, Transition Coordinators and other staff assisting persons with disabilities and households at risk of or currently experiencing homelessness place interested person on the on-line waiting list using the Pre-Screening, Assessment, Intake and Referral (PAIR) module within the housing locator website, [www.ILHousingSearch.org](http://www.ILHousingSearch.org).
- The Statewide Housing Coordinator managing the waiting list matches eligible persons to available properties.

# Section 811 Rental Subsidy

- Project Based Rental Assistance (PRA)
- Layered onto LIHTC Statewide Referral Network units
- Eligible Tenants: Extremely low-income households where at least one person must be an individual with a disability that is 18 years of age or older and less than 62 years of age at the time of lease signing
- Target Population: three class action lawsuits and MFP participants

# Section 811 Rental Subsidy

- The person with a disability must be eligible for community-based, long-term services as provided through Medicaid waivers, Medicaid state plan options, state funded services or other appropriate services related to the target population
- How do people with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities obtain the service package they need to be supported in these supportive housing options?



# DDD Information Bulletins

- Clarification of DSP Hours for Family and Intermittent CILAs June 2015
- Community Integrated Living Arrangements (CILA) Clarification of Family or a Person's Own Home April 2016
- Draft - Additional Staffing Hours in Community Integrated Living Arrangements (CILA) April 2016

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