



Helping Tenants Move On From Supportive Housing

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Who Is CSH?

The Role of CSH

CSH helps communities create permanent housing with services to prevent and end homelessness

CSH's Project Related Assistance

- Predevelopment Funding
- Technical Assistance
- Systems Advocacy





Who Is Southwest Counseling Solutions?	

Southwest Counseling Solutions	
<p>Southwest Counseling Solutions encompasses a broad range of programs for children, youth, adults and families. All these programs provide services that enable and empower individuals and families to change their lives toward a healthier and more hopeful future. In each of these Centers of Excellence – Adult Counseling Services; Early Childhood & Family Literacy; Children, Youth, and Families; and Supportive Housing.</p> <p>Southwest Counseling Solutions is recognized as an experienced leader, delivering proven and effective results.</p>	
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Supportive Housing	

What Is Supportive Housing?	
<p>A cost-effective combination of permanent, affordable housing with services that helps people live more stable, productive lives.</p>	
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Housing & Services	
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ HOUSING <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PERMANENT: Not time limited, not transitional; - AFFORDABLE: For people coming out of homelessness; and - INDEPENDENT: Tenant holds lease with normal rights and responsibilities. ▪ SERVICES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FLEXIBLE: Designed to be responsive to tenants' needs; - VOLUNTARY: Participation is not a condition of tenancy; and - INDEPENDENT: Focus of services is on maintaining housing stability. 	
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Supportive Housing is for People Who:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Are chronically homeless ▪ Cycle through institutional and emergency systems and are at risk of long-term homelessness ▪ Are being discharged from institutions and systems of care ▪ Without housing, cannot access and make effective use of treatment and supportive services 	
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Services Make the Difference	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Flexible, voluntary ▪ Counseling ▪ Health and mental health services ▪ Alcohol and substance use services ▪ Independent living skills ▪ Money management / rep payee ▪ Community-building activities ▪ Vocational counseling and job placement 	
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Services in Supportive Housing	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Promote independence and recovery ▪ Supportive Housing Tenants may: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- Utilize housing and services as a stepping stone -- Have continued need for ongoing housing and supports 	
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Ways to Assist Tenants to Move On		

Variety of Ways to Assist Tenants to Move On

- Assisting with the transition to other subsidies
- Increasing income – employment and education, or obtaining entitlements (less rent is subsidized)
- Transition to mainstream services

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Assisting with other subsidies

- Moving individuals from supportive housing subsidy to an affordable housing subsidy
 - Shelter Plus Care to HARP
- Successes
 - Moving to permanent subsidy
 - Frees up service intense subsidy for another person
- Challenges
 - Education
 - New paperwork requirements
 - May have to move

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Increasing Income – Employment and Education

- Successes
 - Increased self-esteem and feeling of self-worth
 - Feeling productive and having a sense of purpose
- Challenges
 - Encourage education without being full-time (subsidy requirements)
 - Employment with SSI/SSDI

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Reduction of Services	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Successes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Many clients at Southwest Solutions have transitioned to employment or less service intensive subsidies. - Transition to mainstream services opens up opportunities for other individuals ▪ Challenges <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Self-sabotage - Fear of services reduction or losing a therapeutic bond - Navigating new challenges independently 	
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Q & A	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Other examples of assisting tenants to move on? 	
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