

# **About Supportive Housing**

Supportive housing is a combination of affordable housing and supportive services designed to help vulnerable individuals and families use stable housing as a platform for health, recovery and personal growth.

#### HOUSING

Supportive housing can be any type of affordable, permanent and independent housing that meets the needs of tenants and is integrated within a neighborhood or community. This includes an apartment, a duplex or a single family home.

# SUPPORT



Services available in supportive housing are flexible, voluntary and tenant-centered. Services can include case management, mental health services, primary health services, substance abuse treatment, employment services and parenting skills.









#### WHO LIVES IN SUPPORTIVE HOUSING?

Supportive housing is designed to serve those who would not be able to stay housed without a wide range of supportive services. Individuals or families living in supportive housing may have a long history of homelessness or stays in institutions and often face one or more persistent obstacles to maintaining housing such as serious mental illness, substance use disorders or chronic medical problems. Though services help tenants maintain stability, being housed is an essential first step in addressing these conditions that often have gone untreated for many years. The combination of housing and supportive services creates a synergy that allows tenants to take steps toward recovery and independence.

## KEY CHARACTERISTICS OF HIGH-QUALITY SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

Located within safe neighborhoods with close proximity to:

- \* Transportation
- \* Employment Opportunities
- \* Services
- \* Shopping, Recreation and Socialization

Tenants have a lease identical to those tenants who are not in supportive housing

Services are voluntary and consumer-driven. They focus on ensuring that tenants can obtain and thrive in stable housing, regardless of barriers they may face.

The housing and its tenants are good neighbors, contributing to meeting community needs and goals whenever possible.



# **About CSH**

CSH is advancing solutions that use housing as a platform for services to improve the lives of the most vulnerable people, maximize public resources and build healthy communities.

### **HOW WE DRIVE IMPACT**

Fund new projects and programs

**Educate** and empower industry players

**Engage** and influence policy and decision makers

Reform and improve government systems

Lead and expand the supportive housing industry

Innovate, measure and evaluate smart solutions



From idea to implementation, CSH is the source for housing solutions. We are a touchstone for new ideas and best practices. We are a collaborative and pragmatic community partner as well as an influential advocate for supportive housing.





