

GOSH in Adult Family Homes



Governor's Opportunity for Supportive Housing (GOSH) is a service that assists individuals in the process of securing affordable, independent housing along with individualized support to assist the person with stabilization and self-identified goals.

GOSH Eligibility

Individual must:

- want to live independently, **and**
- be willing to work with a Supportive Housing Provider, **and**
- qualify for ALTA services (financially & functionally eligible), **and**
- be discharging or being diverted from Eastern/Western State Hospitals

Who provides GOSH services?

Supportive Housing Providers for GOSH are contracted directly with Department of Social and Health Services to provide housing assistance starting with pre-tenancy and ongoing through tenancy.

What is an "interim" setting?

Individuals eligible for long-term care services have choice in the setting they want to live in. Individuals who are receiving GOSH services are interested in their own apartment; however, it can take some time to secure housing. The timing may not coincide with discharge requirements of the hospital. Clients may choose to go to an interim setting that can offer stable support while housing search continues by the Supportive Housing Provider. An interim setting is considered anything outside of the client's own apartment/house. Examples include: HCS residential setting (AFH, ALF, ESF), Residential Treatment Facilities (RTF), transitional housing, motels, family/friends, etc.

What does the Supportive Housing Provider do?

Support in Pre-Tenancy:

- ◆ Coordinate with the participant's care team
- ◆ Develop an individual housing support plan and housing crisis plan
- ◆ Conduct search and secure affordable independent housing and complete subsidy paperwork
- ◆ Assist participant move into housing
- ◆ Review lease and Landlord/Tenant Law; being a housing advocate
- ◆ Assists with purchase of essential transition goods and services

Support in Tenancy:

- ◆ Proactively support maintenance of tenancy
- ◆ Relationship building with landlords, property managers, and neighbors
- ◆ Ensure person-centered housing support and crisis plans are up-to-date
- ◆ Coordinate with participant's care team
- ◆ Activities that support community integration
- ◆ Connection to permanent affordable housing



How will I know if a client is receiving GOSH services?

Policy requires the HCS/AAA Case Manager to inform the residential provider that an individual is receiving GOSH services upfront.



What should I expect from the Supportive Housing Provider?

The Supportive Housing Provider may contact you to more easily connect with the client. Supportive Housing Providers meet with clients in-person to complete housing search tasks and will be coming to the facility to visit.



The time it takes to find housing varies. There is no way to know how long an individual will live in an interim setting. The Supportive Housing Provider will remain in communication with the AFH Provider around the housing search process.



Supportive Housing Providers send out periodic email updates to the team of care involved with the client. These provide updates on the housing search process and encourages the team to provide wraparound support.



If you have questions or concerns about the interim setting process or need additional assistance, reach out to the [regional GOSH Program Manager in your area](#).



What if a client wants to live at the Adult Family Home long term?

AL TSA supports client choice and if an individual is no longer interested in looking for independent housing, the client can be disenrolled from GOSH Services.

The client can inform the Supportive Housing Provider of this choice.

For more information:

<https://www.dshs.wa.gov/altsa/stakeholders/supportive-housing-services>