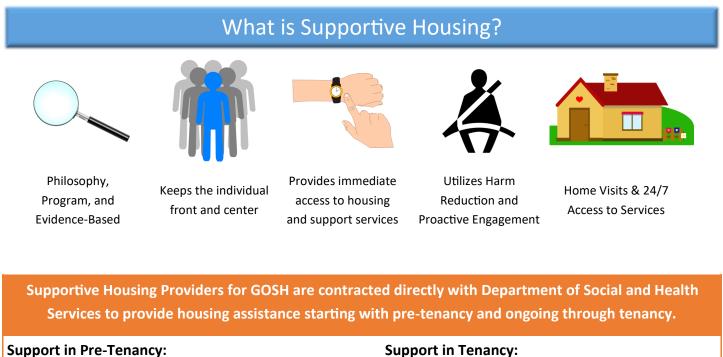


## BACKGROUND

- Aging and Long-Term Support Administration (ALTSA) was awarded state funds as part of the Governor's • Behavioral Health Innovation Fund, (ESSB 6656).
- ALTSA created a State Hospital Discharge and Diversion team to provide an increase of services and supports for ALTSA clients discharging/diverting from Eastern and Western State Hospitals.
  - As part of that effort, the Governor's Opportunity for Supportive Housing (GOSH) was created contracts to provide housing search and tenancy support services for individuals wishing to live independently.



# Develop an individual housing support plan; housing crisis plan

- Review lease and Landlord/Tenant Law; being a housing advocate
- Conduct search and secure affordable independent ۲ housing
- Assist participant move into housing
- Coordinate with the participant's care team

## Support in Tenancy:

- Proactively support maintenance of tenancy
- Relationship building with landlords, property managers, and neighbors
- ٠ 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 ٠

#### ELIGIBILTY FOR GOSH:

Individual must:

- want to live independently, and
- be willing to work with a Supportive Housing Provider, and
- qualify for ALTSA services (financially & functionally eligible), and
- Are discharging or being diverted from Eastern/Western State Hospitals
  - Diversion is defined as: An individual with a 90 or 180 day commitment order for further involuntary treatment who is discharging from a local community psychiatric facility into a Home and Community Service and Supports (HCS LTSS); <u>Or</u> an individual who is detained through the Involuntary Treatment Act who is stabilized and discharged into HCS LTSS prior to the need to petition for a 90 or 180 day commitment order.

**Eligibility Expansion:** ALTSA clients who are currently living in an HCS-funded residential setting who transitioned or were diverted from Eastern/Western State Hospital within the past 18 months and wish to live independently.

### **REFERRAL PROCESS**

#### **ALTSA Services:**

To apply for long-term services and supports offered by ALSTA, visit: <u>www.washingtonconnection.org/home/</u>.

For more information regarding ALTSA services: www.dshs.wa.gov/altsa/long-term-care-services-information

#### **GOSH Services:**

A referral can be made for GOSH by any individual or organization by sending <u>DSHS Form 11-153</u> to the Supportive Housing Specialist who works in the area where the individual wants to live.

Please visit our website for Supportive Housing Specialist contact information for your region. https://www.dshs.wa.gov/altsa/stakeholders/supportive-housing-services

# What happens after a referral is made for GOSH services?



For more information:

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