



Aging and Long-Term Support Administration (GOSH) Governor's Opportunity for Supportive Housing

BACKGROUND

- Aging and Long-Term Support Administration (AL TSA) was awarded state funds as part of the Governor's Behavioral Health Innovation Fund, ([ESSB 6656](#)).
- AL TSA created a State Hospital Discharge and Diversion team to provide an increase of services and supports for AL TSA 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.

What is Supportive Housing?



Philosophy,
Program, and
Evidence-Based



Keeps the individual
front and center



Provides immediate
access to housing
and support services



Utilizes Harm
Reduction and
Proactive Engagement



Home Visits & 24/7
Access to 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.

Support in Pre-Tenancy:

- ◆ 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 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
- ◆ 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

ELIGIBILITY FOR GOSH:

Individual must:

- want to live independently, **and**
- be willing to work with a Supportive Housing Provider, **and**
- qualify for ALSTA 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); **Or** 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: ALSTA 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

ALSTA Services:

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

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

GOSH Services:

A referral can be made for GOSH by any individual or organization by sending DSHS Form 11-153 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/alsta/stakeholders/supportive-housing-services>

What happens after a referral is made for GOSH services?



For more information:

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