

Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) Programs

Program Purpose:

Assist individuals and families experiencing *homelessness* to secure and retain permanent, affordable rental housing in the community and to achieve greater levels of self-sufficiency, independence, recovery and overall improved quality of life.

Key Components:

- Tenant based rental assistance with wrap-around supportive services
 - HAWC Community Partners administer the ongoing, monthly rental assistance and provide the wrap-around supportive services
- Participants apply for tenancy with private landlords
 - We recommend landlords use our recommended eligibility criteria for all HAWC housing applicants.
- Gross Rents (monthly rent plus a HAWC-calculated utility allowance) must be at or below HUD-published Fair Market Rent
- Gross Rents must be considered reasonable in comparison to similar unassisted units
- Units must meet HUD's Housing Quality Standards (HQS)
- Units must be free from Lead Based Paint
- HAWC Community Partners assist participant with turning on any required utilities
- Tenant and landlord execute landlord's standard lease
- HAWC Community Partners and landlord execute Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) Contract for term of lease
- HAWC Community Partners calculate Tenant Rent (30% of tenant's adjusted monthly income) and Housing Assistance Payment (HAP)
 - Tenant pays Tenant Rent directly to landlord
 - HAWC Community Partners pays HAP to landlord
- HAWC Community Partners assist tenants in renewing leases annually or providing written, 30-day notices to vacate
- HAWC Community Partners perform annual HQS inspections
- Service providers provide client-centered, wrap –around supportive services to tenants in their homes and in the community
- HAWC Community Partners act as liaisons between landlord, tenant and supportive services provider for tenancy-related issues

Program Scope:

- HAWC Community Partner PSH programs assisted **192 individuals and 76 families** in 2014.