

HOUSING & RESIDENTIAL CARE

When a person has safe and affordable housing that meets their needs, they have the opportunity to become part of the community. Lack of safe and affordable housing is one of the most significant barriers to recovery for people living with mental illness.

RESIDENTIAL CARE/HOUSING RESOURCES MAY INCLUDE:

HOUSING FOR LOW/MODERATE INCOME INDIVIDUALS To learn about/apply for low-income housing (public housing) or low-income housing assistance (section 8 vouchers), contact your local Housing Authority: hud.gov/offices/pih/pha/contacts/states/wi.cfm. The WI Division of Housing also offers many other helpful programs for people with low to moderate incomes: www.doa.state.wi.us/Divisions/Housing/Bureau-of-Supportive-Housing or call (608) 266-7531.

ADULT FAMILY HOMES are small (1-4 residents) homes where residents receive care, services and/or treatment above the level of room and board.

ASSISTANCE WITH DAILY LIVING SKILLS Wisconsin's Independent Living (IL) Centers, non-profits run by and for people with all types of disabilities, provide peer support, information and referrals, advocacy and independent living skills training (more on pg. 82).

COMMUNITY-BASED RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES (CBRF) offer care, services



and/or treatment above the level of room and board for 5 or more people. CBRFs are typically more intensively staffed than Adult Family Homes.

SUPPORTIVE HOUSING aims to help people get and keep an independent living situation. It is intended for people who, without the service, could not otherwise maintain independent housing. Case management (including through CSP and CCS, see pg. 26-27) programs can connect clients to Supportive Housing (see pages 26-27).

HOUSING DISCRIMINATION If you feel that you have experienced housing discrimination, contact the Fair Housing Council's statewide hotline: 1 (877) 647-FAIR (3247) or Disability Rights Wisconsin (800) 928-8778. You can also file a complaint with the Wisconsin Equal Rights Division: 608-266-6860; dwd.wisconsin.gov/er

IF YOU ARE AT RISK OF HOMELESSNESS, OR WANT MORE INFO ON ADULT FAMILY HOMES, CBRF & PUBLIC HOUSING: Contact your county's Aging and Disability Resource Center: dhs.wisconsin.gov/adrc or call (800) 362-3002 to get the phone number. To view a county-based directory of available residential services, you can also visit dhs.wisconsin.gov/bqaconsumer/ResidOpts/seek.htm