

THE HOUSING COORDINATORS NETWORK {HCN}

HCN is a collective of Washtenaw Housing Alliance member agencies that provide housing location & placement services.



MISSION

The mission of the **HCN** is to help individuals obtain housing who are experiencing homelessness and facing significant barriers due to economic hardship, physical or mental health challenges and a lack of safe and affordable housing.

The **HCN** is invested in developing and maintaining lasting partnerships with local landlords and property managers who are willing to work with tenants experiencing rental barriers. In turn, the **HCN** can provide a range of services, such as:

- ▶ *Assistance with filling vacant units*
- ▶ *Continuing program education & guidance*
- ▶ *Case management support for formerly homeless residents*
- ▶ *Rapid response to landlord concerns or questions*

PROGRAM DEFINITIONS

The following are the most common types of housing placement programs utilized in Washtenaw County:

- ▶ **RRH—Rapid Re-Housing:** RRH is an evidence-based intervention designed to help individuals and families to quickly exit homelessness and return to permanent housing. RRH resources and services provided are typically tailored to the unique needs of the household. The three core components of a RRH program are:

- ▶ *Housing identification*
- ▶ *Short term financial & move-in assistance*
- ▶ *Case management services*





- ▶ **HCV—Housing Choice Voucher:** HCV is a rental subsidy program administered by MSHDA (Michigan State Housing Development Authority) and the Ann Arbor Housing Commission. Previously known as Section 8.
- ▶ **PSH—Permanent Supportive Housing:** PSH is permanent supportive housing, with indefinite leasing or rental assistance, paired with on-going supportive services to help homeless persons or families with a disability achieve housing stability. PSH is a critical component of plans to end homelessness by providing a housing opportunity that enables persons with a history of homelessness and disability to succeed in stable, affordable housing.

AGENCIES

The following agencies are participants within the HCN & provide housing location & support services to potential tenants, through various state & federally funded programs.

- ▶ Ann Arbor Housing Commission
- ▶ Avalon Housing
- ▶ WPR - Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw County
- ▶ Home of New Vision
- ▶ Housing Access for Washtenaw County
- ▶ UMHS - Housing Bureau for Seniors
- ▶ Interfaith Hospitality Network at Alpha House
- ▶ J Sells, Inc. MSHDA Housing Agent
- ▶ Michigan Ability Partners
- ▶ Project Outreach Team [PORT] of Washtenaw County Community Mental Health
- ▶ SafeHouse Center
- ▶ The Salvation Army of Washtenaw County
- ▶ The Shelter Association of Washtenaw County
- ▶ SOS Community Services
- ▶ Veterans Administration
- ▶ Wellness Housing Program

The Washtenaw County homeless service delivery system embraces a Housing First approach, which is a nationally-recognized best-practice to ending homelessness that centers on providing people experiencing homelessness with housing as quickly as possible – and then providing services as needed. This approach has the benefit of being consistent with what most people experiencing homelessness want and seek help to achieve.

*leading the way
to ending
homelessness*

