



THE STATEWIDE REFERRAL NETWORK AND CONTINUA OF CARE PROVIDERS

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WHAT IS THE STATEWIDE REFERRAL NETWORK (SRN)?

The Statewide Referral Network (SRN) links vulnerable populations, who are already connected to services, to affordable, available, **supportive housing**. It is managed by the Statewide Housing Coordinator for Long Term Care Reform. Social Service Providers assist eligible households to get their name on the waiting list (by using the PAIR module). The waiting list manager verifies eligibility and when a SRN unit becomes eligible matches the eligible waiting list participants with the unit.

Eligible SRN supportive housing populations include *persons with disabilities, persons experiencing homelessness and persons at-risk of homelessness*. In addition, a person or family must have *income at 30% of Area Median Income or below*.

WHAT IS SUPPORTIVE HOUSING?

Supportive Housing is affordable rental housing for people with very low incomes and disabilities (or multiple barriers to community living) **PLUS** the social/health services (including behavioral and physical health) that they want and need to succeed in the community.

Supportive Housing is not intended for every population that needs access to affordable housing. The threshold of need for supportive housing is higher than the simple need for affordable housing.



HOW DOES A CONSUMER ACCESS SRN?

Case Managers, Care Coordinators, Housing Locators, Transition Coordinators and other staff assisting persons with disabilities and households at risk of or currently experiencing homelessness place interested person on the on-line waiting list using the Pre-Screening, Assessment, Intake and Referral (PAIR) module within the housing locator website, www.ILHousingSearch.org.

<https://demo3.ilhousingsearch.org>

The Statewide Housing Coordinator managing the waiting list matches eligible persons to available properties.

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The SHC sends an “offer” email to referral source and potential tenant that includes information about the unit including a link to the online listing of the property on ILHousingSearch.org.

The potential tenant/referral source has a few days to respond and let the SHC know if they would like to be referred to the unit.

The SHC either sends a referral email (with potential tenant cc'd and referral source bcc'd) to the property manager or finds another match for the unit.

If the potential tenant isn't interested in the unit, the household stays on the waiting list and does not lose their place in line.



WHAT DOES THE PROMISE OF CONTINUED SERVICE PROVISION MEAN?

- Statewide Referral Network units are meant to be supportive housing. The SRN unit provides the affordable housing portion, you provide the support service portion, together that equals supportive housing.
- Services are voluntary. Just like services you provide to your own supportive housing projects, you continue to outreach and engage tenants who have chosen to separate from service. And you assist households with the consequences that can result from not accepting service, there is no better time to re-engage a household than during a crisis situation (for example an eviction notice).
- We understand that everyone's financial situation is precarious and we appreciate your assistance in helping households who need long term support and affordable housing to access an SRN unit.
- Think about ways that you could potentially add another household to your existing supportive housing service contract. IDHS-Bureau of Basic Supports is always happy to have your clients served number increase.

QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, IDEAS

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