Supportive Housing

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Nothing About Us Without Us
Today we will talk about:

- Why are we here?
- What is Supportive Housing?
- Why We Love Our Apartments
- How to Get Supportive Housing

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Why are we here?

To SPEAK UP and SPEAK OUT!

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We Choose How We Live

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What is Supportive Housing?
Supportive Housing is Home

- Have a lease
- You pay rent
- In a neighborhood like anyone else
- You live alone or with someone you choose

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What is a Lease?

• A lease has the rules of the building
• How much the rent costs
• Who can live there
• It says how long you can live there
  • Leases are usually 1 year, and you can renew
• Some leases allow pets, but not always
A house can be supportive housing
Apartments can be supportive housing too!
Supportive Housing is **NOT** a

- Program
- Group Home
- Institution
- Nursing Home
Important things to know!

Talk to your family or staff and your landlord about what to do in an emergency!

• Fire Alarms
• Weather
• Tornado
• Flooding

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Access for People with Disabilities

Sometimes people with disabilities need something changed in their apartment for accessibility.

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Changes that might happen

• Income might change
• Change who you live with
• Getting married
• Having a family, having a baby
• Workers or support staff might change
• Health changes – you might need more or less help, both are ok!

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Housing Wishes and Dreams

Where would you like to live?

What kind of place is it?

Who do you live with?

My dream is…

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Some things that are important about my housing are:

- Close to family and friends
- Easy to get places
- Near a job
- Accessible
- Safe neighborhood
- Private with my own space
- Allows pets

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IT’S YOUR RIGHT TO LIVE WHERE YOU WANT

I MAKE MY CHOICES!

I WANT TO LIVE WHERE I WANT, IN THE COMMUNITY
Let’s Talk about Living In Supportive Housing!
How to Get Supportive Housing

1. Let people know you want supportive housing!

2. Talk about it at all meetings about your goals and ask to have it written into your plan.

3. Get help from your ISC worker or a Center for Independent Living.

Statewide Independent Living Council
Call (217) 744-7777
You can live in your own apartment with the right support

We do!
What are your questions about living in your own place?

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It’s Courtney, Adam, Nicole, Chris and Julie!
Housing is the beginning, not the end!
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