



Ready, Set, KNOW...

The “Hows” of Housing



Explore resources to help make housing more affordable and accessible.

Finding safe, affordable housing can take time and planning. This bulletin highlights programs and resources that may help people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families explore rental assistance, homeownership, energy assistance and options for living more independently.

Housing Resources

Rental Assistance

Rental assistance to low-income individuals is available two ways:

- ▶ Section 8 rental assistance vouchers. These vouchers can be used anywhere a landlord accepts Section 8 assistance.
- ▶ Location-based subsidized apartments.

Both types of rental assistance are provided under Housing & Urban Development (HUD). Learn more about rental assistance, home ownership, and the location of your Public Housing Agency on the HUD website. Visit: hud.gov/states/washington

Here to Home Program

Down payment assistance for low-to-moderate income individuals with disabilities (or families which include individuals with disabilities) seeking to own a home. Visit: heretohome.org/

Home Ownership Resource Center

The Washington Homeownership Resource Center (WHRC) offers resources for first-time homebuyers, current homeowners, and homeowners who may be facing foreclosure. Visit: homeownership-wa.org/

Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

LIHEAP helps families keep their heat on, especially those that are most vulnerable, such as the elderly, the disabled and young children. Visit: commerce.wa.gov/growing-the-economy/energy/low-income-home-energy-assistance/

Partners4Housing:

Partners4Housing is offering free benefits and housing review thanks to generous funding from the Dan Thompson Memorial Fund. Accessing this review will include an online questionnaire, a review of benefits, 1-hour consultation to discuss housing options and tips for accessing benefits, and access to their roommate matching pool (by invitation). This review is available to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities who are 17 and older. Visit: partners4housing.com/

Housing Video Series

The Informing Families Hows of Housing three part video series discusses housing choices for people with developmental disabilities in Washington state. The series covers renting, home ownership, and innovative housing options. Visit: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLHGJ__8EZvkc

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