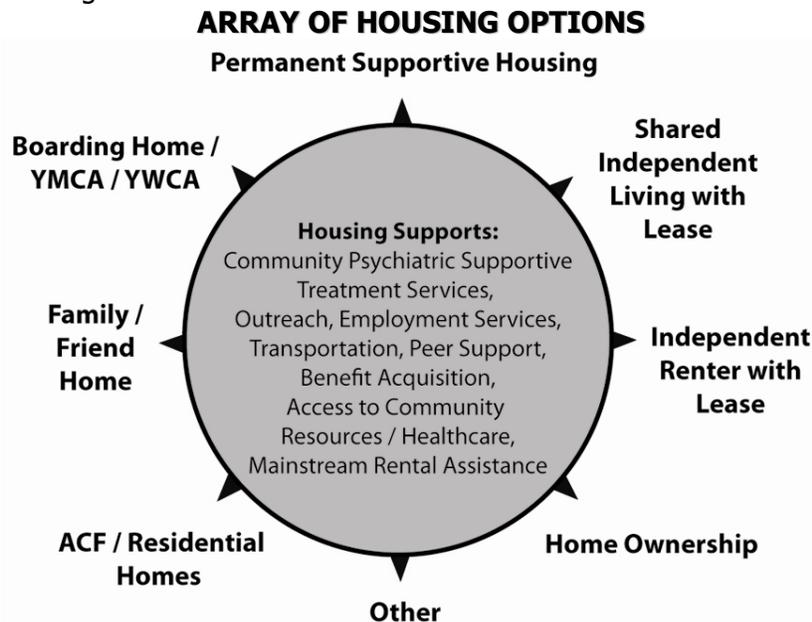


## Ohio Department of Mental Health Adult Housing Policy

Safe, decent, permanent, and affordable housing that is not dependent upon the acceptance of treatment is a critical component of engagement, resiliency, and recovery and is foundational in a person's life for establishing stability, independence, and instilling hope. As such, it is the Ohio Department of Mental Health's (ODMH) Adult Housing Policy to collaborate in efforts that strengthen a continuum of community housing options ranging from adult care facilities (ACF) to supportive housing to home ownership. Housing is essential to prevent homelessness and to reduce institutional recidivism from settings such as jails, prisons, nursing homes, and psychiatric hospitals. Through advocacy, education, and collaboration with other state departments, local boards, and provider organizations ODMH will be a strong voice for persons with mental illness and participate in the leveraging of federal, state, and local resources in order to expand and preserve the continuum of existing housing stock, thereby upholding community integration and recovery.

ODMH believes that a comprehensive housing plan across state agencies and within local communities needs to be flexible as people enter into and experience recovery in different, personal, and often non-linear ways. As people move through their own recovery processes, they too may experience different types of housing needs and supports throughout their lifetimes. Some examples of support may include community psychiatric supportive treatment services (CPST), outreach, employment services, transportation, peer support, benefit acquisition, access to community resources/healthcare, and mainstream rental assistance.

ODMH is committed to recovery/resiliency. People with mental illness are positive contributors to their communities and are able to live successfully in homes and neighborhoods of their choosing at any point on the housing continuum. The ability for people to remain in their homes throughout all stages of their individualized treatment journeys is an essential component of recovery. ODMH believes in creating a system of shared accountability that assists people with mental illness in obtaining and sustaining permanent housing.



**\* This policy does not supersede ODMH's Residency Dispute Guidelines.**