

WHAT IS SUPPORTIVE HOUSING?

Supportive Housing (SH) is an evidence-based solution that combines affordable housing with tenant-centered supportive services to help people with extremely low incomes and complex challenges get and stay housed. It targets people with one or more disability who experience long-term homelessness and cycle between institutional settings and the streets. In Michigan, SH services are provided primarily by nonprofit organizations throughout the state that understand the needs of their local communities.

Findings of a [5 year randomized control study](#) (concluded in 2020) proved that households experiencing chronic homelessness can achieve stability and improve health through SH. Participants in SH saw a **40% reduction in arrests and 38 fewer days in jail (a 30% reduction in jail stays)** compared to the control group. Two years after referral to SH, participants had a **40% decrease in emergency department visits and a 155% increase in office-based visits**. Across all these reductions, there was a **\$6,875 annual cost-offset per person**.

WHY IS SSTF IMPORTANT?

IMPACT OF MICHIGAN'S FY23 INVESTMENT

In 2023, 4,758 households in Michigan with one or more persons with a disability experienced long-term homelessness.

- ♦ 470 residents served
- ♦ 36 jobs created
- ♦ 99% housing stability
- ♦ 93% employee retention
- ♦ 70% secured or increased income

SUCCESS STORIES FROM FY23 INVESTMENT

- **Last winter, case managers worked with clients to ensure they were using utilities appropriately and efficiently, reducing utility costs during the most expensive season. – Northwest MI SH**
- **A resident was recently housed but still often sleeping on the streets; a case manager was able to assist them in acclimating into housing, getting benefits set up, and getting comfortable with landlord. They now sleep solely at their residence and spend their days at home vs returning to the streets. – Northwest MI SH**
- **A resident started school to become a medical assistant and medical technician. – COTS**

PROPOSAL FOR ONGOING FUNDING

Michigan SH providers are grateful to the Governor’s office and the legislature for their continued support of SSTF. Based on ongoing need, we are pursuing a **\$20M appropriation for FY27** and annually thereafter, decreasing the state contribution as Medicaid reimbursement increases. This will ensure SH providers have the necessary ongoing funding to provide consistent services to SH residents.

Supportive Housing Services

Supportive Housing (SH) services are provided directly by the SH case manager and/or through referrals to other organizations.

General Supportive Services

- Housing search & landlord negotiation
- New tenant orientation/move-in assistance
- Tenant rights and lease education
- Referrals to other services & programs
- Crisis intervention
- Transportation
- Nutritional services

Independent Living Skills

- Conflict resolution/mediation training
- Personal financial management and budgeting
- Entitlement assistance/benefits counseling
- Training in cooking/meal preparation
- Training in personal hygiene & self-care
- Training in housekeeping
- Assistance with activities of daily living

Physical Health/Medicaid Services

- Medication management
- Health and wellness education
- Home health aide services
- Pain management
- HIV/AIDS services

Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services

- Individual counseling
- Support groups
- Psychiatric services
- Relapse prevention and recovery planning
- Substance abuse counseling (group or individual)
- Harm-reduction services



Employment Services

- Job skills training
- Resume building & interview skills
- Job development/job placement services
- Job retention services (coaching, support)

Services for Families

- Parent/child/family support groups
- Parenting classes
- Domestic violence services
- Family advocacy/reunification

SH Service Provider	County	# of Units
Allegan County CMH	Allegan	35
Emergency Shelter Services	Berrien	117
Southwest Michigan Community Action Agency		
Summit Pointe	Calhoun	158
Chippewa-Luce-Mackinac	Chippewa	28
Housing Services Mid-Michigan	Clinton	30
Housing Services Mid-Michigan	Eaton	59
Shelter of Flint	Genesee	556
Communities First		
Metro Community Development		
Northwest MI SH	Grand Traverse	318
Goodwill Industries of NM		
Community Action Agency	Hillsdale	40
Advent House	Ingham	485
Child & Family Charities		
Lansing Housing Commission		
EightCAP, Inc.	Ionia	20
Community Action Agency	Jackson	86
Training & Treatment Innovations		
Housing Resources Inc.	Kalamazoo	474
Kalamazoo CMH (ISK)		
Community Rebuilders	Kent	1174
County of Kent		
Dwelling Place		
Heartside Nonprofit Housing Corporation		
Inner City Christian Federation		
Lenawee Emergency & AH Corp	Lenawee	7
Livingston County CMH	Livingston	23
Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency		
Community Housing Network	Macomb	292
Alger Marquette Community Action Board	Marquette	35
Room at the Inn	Marquette	7
Monroe County Opportunity Program	Monroe	17
Community EnCompass	Muskegon	149
Every Woman's Place		
Healthwest (CMHS of Muskegon County)		
TrueNorth Community Services	Newaygo	55
Community Housing Network	Oakland	727
MDHHS		
Lighthouse (merged recently w/ South Oakland Shelter)		
Training & Treatment Innovations	Ottawa	143
Good Samaritan Ministries		
Ottawa County CMH	Saginaw	322
Mustard Seed Shelter		
Restoration Community Outreach		
Saginaw County CMH		

Underground Railroad, Inc.		
Human Development Commission	Sanilac	105
Training & Treatment Innovations	Shiawasee	8
Blue Water Community Action	St. Clair	75
Southwest Michigan Community Action Agency	Van Buren	30
Avalon Housing		
Michigan Ability Partners	Washtenaw	628
Ozone House		
Alternatives for Girls		
Cass Community Social Services		
Catholic Charities of SE Michigan		
Central CDC		
Central City Integrated Health		
Community & Home Supports		
COTS		
MiSide (formerly Development Centers)	Wayne (Detroit)	3778
Mariners Inn		
Neighborhood Legal Services		
Neighborhood Service Organization		
Ruth Ellis Center		
MiSide (formerly Southwest Counseling Solutions)		
Travelers Aid Society of Metro Detroit		
Wayne Metro Community Action Agency		
Neighborhood Legal Services	Wayne (Other)	545
Wayne Metro Community Action Agency		