


HDC Permanent Supportive Housing 

Housing


- **Permanent:** Not time limited, not transitional.
- **Affordable:** to very low income people.
- **Independent:** Tenant holds lease with normal rights and responsibilities.

Services

- **Flexible:** Responsive to tenants' needs. Focused on housing stability.
- **Voluntary:** Participation in services is not condition of maintaining tenancy.

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HDC Permanent Supportive Housing – effective *and* cost effective 

- ER visits down 57%¹
- Emergency detox services down 85%²
- Incarceration rate down 50%³
- 50% increase in earned income
- 40% rise in rate of employment when employment services are provided
- More than 80% stay housed for at least one year⁴

1 Supportive Housing and Its Impact on the Public Health Crisis of Homelessness, CSH, May 2000
2 Analysis of the Anishinabe Wakaigun, September 1996-March 1998
3 Making a Difference: Interim Status Report of the McKinney Research Demonstration Program for Homeless Mentally Ill Adults, 1994
4 See note 1 above


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HDC Housing Stability plus Positive Family Outcomes 

Bridges to Housing experience in Portland metro area

- Increased use of mainstream services, such as childcare, education and training programs, primary health care providers and primary dentists.
- Increased family safety.
- Decreased family instability – less referral to foster care and child welfare system.
- Decreased instability in children's educational or child care settings.



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