



Permanent Supportive Housing

Enabling Florida to Continue Leading the Nation in Ending Chronic Homelessness

From 2007 to 2023, Florida had the largest absolute decrease in homelessness nationwide. Adjusted for population growth, the decrease was:

47↓¹%

To continue this success, Florida must invest in Permanent Supportive Housing, a proven intervention that reduces chronic homelessness.



Between 2020 and 2023, Florida's median rent increased 30%¹



The 2020 Government Accountability Office Report on Homelessness states that:

“For every \$100 increase in monthly median rent, homelessness increases by 9%.”²

Until 2023, Florida had seen an annual reduction in homelessness. However, with the drastic increase in housing costs, plus a significant population growth, for the past two years Florida has seen an increase in Floridians without a home. In 2024 Florida experienced a 2% increase in the absolute number of persons without a home.¹

Permanent Supportive Housing

Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) is the linkage of affordable housing with individualized wrap-around supports. It is a documented evidence-based practice, and the proven strategy for reducing, and ultimately ending, chronic homelessness.

Permanent Supportive Housing is a **cost-effective strategy** for permanently moving chronically unsheltered individuals into stable homes. It provides a platform through which they can exit a mode of constant crisis, access healthcare, and re-engage their resiliency and independence.

The Cost of
Permanent
Supportive Housing

Additional cost to
maintain chronic
homelessness



Housing is a basic human need, without it
no one can reach their full potential.

FLORIDA PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING ACTION PLAN ⁴



In 2023, the Executive Office of the Governor convened a Statewide Permanent Supportive Housing Workgroup consisting of leadership from the Agency for Healthcare Administration, the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, the Department of Children and Families, the Department of Elder Affairs, the Florida Department of Veterans Affairs, Florida Housing Finance Corporation, and the Office of Policy and Budget within the Executive Office of the Governor, to develop an Action Plan with recommendations.

The Action Plan Recommends:

- Develop and implement a coordinated interagency approach guided by a state entity.
- Design coordinated permanent supportive housing initiatives and consolidate related funding.
- Establish new approaches to help PSH residents achieve self-sufficiency and transition to independent housing.
- Improve and enhance existing program efforts.



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