
Permanent, Affordable Housing is Available for Youth Receiving SSI

- Three sources of permanent available housing
 - ❑ Nonprofit housing development corporations
 - ❑ Section 8 Vouchers
 - ❑ Public Housing
- HUD's Section 811: \$250 million FY 2010
 - ❑ Capital development: 68%
 - ❑ Section 8 "designated housing vouchers:" 32%



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Accessing Affordable Housing Requires Organizations to Build their Capacity

- Identify one person in your organization to get educated about affordable housing
- Research available affordable housing in your community
- Familiarize yourself with their housing stock
 - Most youth will be “very or extremely low income” (<50% AMI)
- Develop a relationship with their property manager
- Check the websites of non-profit developers at least monthly



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With that in Place, Train Youth About Affordable Housing

- Educate youth about affordable housing
 - Practice completing a rental application
 - Help youth overcome common challenges
 - Credit check, security deposit, references
 - Ensure youth fall within the income guidelines
 - Monitor all applications submitted
 - Ensure youth inform property owner if they move or get a new phone number
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Getting Affordable Housing Isn't Easy, But It's Worth the Effort

- Realistic timeline: 18 to 24 months
- Help youth get on as many waiting lists as possible
- Don't give up!



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Resources

- HUD's online search page
 - <http://www.hud.gov/apps/section8/index.cfm>

- List of affordable housing projects by county in California
 - http://www.hcd.ca.gov/fa/rhp_ala_20040301.pdf



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