AGING & LONG-TERM SUPPORT ADMINISTRATION (ALTSA)

Governor's Opportunity for Supportive Housing (GOSH)

The Governor's Opportunity for Supportive Housing (GOSH) is a Long-Term Care service to help individuals transition from state hospitals to independent living by offering housing search assistance and ongoing tenancy support. Learn more here.

What is Supportive Housing?

- **Immediate access** to a housing rental subsidy, support services, and home visits.
- **Person-centered** approach for individualized stability.
- **Evidence-based practice** that utilizes **Harm Reduction** and **Proactive Engagement**.

GOSH Services

- Personalized housing supports
- Individual crisis plans and goal-setting
- Housing based on preference & need
- Advocacy with landlords & neighbors
- Transition assistance
- Care team coordination

GOSH Rental Subsidy

- Client pays 30% household income; subsidy covers the rest
- Guaranteed, timely rent assistance
- Can be used anywhere in the state
- Helps transition to a permanent voucher
- Not time-limited

Who is Eligible for GOSH? *An individual must:*

Want to live **independently**

Qualify **financially** and **functionally** for ALTSA services

Be willing to work with a **Supportive Housing Provider**

Be **discharging** or ***diverting** from Eastern/Western State Hospitals

***Diversion:** Involuntary Treatment Act Holds: 120-hour | 14-day | 90-day | 180-day

Expanded Eligibility: Includes ALTSA clients currently in HCS-funded residential settings who transitioned or were diverted from E/WSH within the past 18 months.

GOSH Process: What to Expect

We contract with a Supportive Housing Provider to partner alongside the client during pre-tenancy and housing search. Once housing is secured, they provide ongoing tenancy support.

REFERRAL

Individual must be functionally and financially eligible for ALTSA services.

→ **Apply for ALTSA Services:** www.washingtonconnection.org/home/

In addition, other GOSH eligibility must be met.

→ **GOSH Referral:** DSHS Form 11-153

PRE-TENANCY & HOUSING SEARCH

Create Client's Care Team → Develop Individual Plans → Housing Search Subsidy Paperwork Transition Plans → Review Lease Assist Moving

ONGOING TENANCY

Build Relationships *Landlords, neighbors, etc.* → Update Individual Plans → Activities for Community Integration → Connection to Permanent Affordable Housing

More Resources

ALTSA Services: www.dshs.wa.gov/altsa/long-term-care-services-information

ALTSA Supportive Housing: www.dshs.wa.gov/altsa/supportive-housing-services

Regional Housing Program Managers: Contact Us

GOSH Client Story: Anna's Journey Home

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