

Supportive housing is a proven and cost-effective model that promotes stable housing and health and reduces unnecessary interactions with corrections and emergency departments. It is a type of affordable housing that is designed specifically for people who need supportive services to thrive in their community. Typically, these individuals are experiencing homelessness, institutionalization, and/or housing instability.

Services in supportive housing begin when someone is in the process of entering housing, continue as they sustain stable housing, and wrap around them on an ongoing basis to help them thrive. Services should be aligned with the goals that people have for themselves. These can include improving physical or mental health, addressing substance use, earning income through benefits or employment, and connecting with friends or family.

The chart below provides examples of the kinds of services that people may participate in as they enter housing, focus on living stably in housing, and make progress toward life goals.

