



# Housing Resources in Southwest Virginia Floyd, Giles, Montgomery, Pulaski & Radford City

The Office of Community Housing in the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) has developed housing resources across Southwestern Virginia to serve individuals with developmental disabilities in the Settlement Agreement population who want to live independently in their own housing. DBHDS housing resources provide opportunities for individuals who meet program eligibility criteria to lease private market rental housing that meets their needs and to establish stability. Resource availability varies by location as DBHDS works to expand and increase housing options.

## Housing Resources by Locality

Housing Resources	Rental Assistance Resources		Rental Properties with Special Admission	Transition and Tenancy Expense Assistance
	State Rental Assistance Program (SRAP)	Special Admission Housing Choice Vouchers	Low Income Housing Tax Credit Properties	Flexible Funds
Floyd County		✓ <a href="#">Housing Connections</a>		✓
Giles County		✓ <a href="#">Housing Connections</a>		✓
Pulaski County		✓ <a href="#">Housing Connections</a>		✓
Montgomery County		✓ <a href="#">Housing Connections</a>	✓ Cambridge Square*	✓
Radford City		✓ <a href="#">Housing Connections</a>	✓ Fairfax Village* ✓ New River Gardens	✓

\*Project-Based Rental Assistance available

DBHDS Housing Resources perform numerous functions. The State Rental Assistance Program and the Special Admission Housing Choice Voucher program provide on-going, income-based rental assistance. Low-income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) properties provide rental units that have a leasing preference for the target population. Some LIHTC properties have units with project-based rental assistance. This type of assistance remains with the unit. The Flexible Funds program assists with transition needs and emergent tenancy expenses.

### Who is eligible?

People in the target population for housing are eligible to apply for these housing resources. The target population includes Virginians with developmental disabilities at least 18 years of age or older who are in one of the following categories:

- ✓ Living in a training center, intermediate care facility, skilled nursing facility and eligible for one of the Medicaid DD Waivers
- ✓ Receiving Medicaid DD Waiver services
- ✓ On a waitlist for Medicaid DD Waiver services

### Who Should Be Referred for Designated Rental Units?

Individuals in the target population who:

- ✓ have made an informed decision to lease and live in rental housing;
- ✓ understand that they cannot live with a parent, grandparent or guardian;
- ✓ can be ready to move within 30 days of being approved for a housing resource; and
- ✓ have or will have adequate waiver, non-waiver and natural supports in place to obtain & maintain housing.

### How to Access Housing Resources

Individuals must work with their Support Coordinator at the Community Service Board to be referred for these housing resources. Support Coordinators must complete and submit the DBHDS Housing Resource Assessment and Referral Form and Housing Action Plan, and/or the Flexible Funding request. To access the most current copy of the referral form use the following link:

[http://www.dbhds.virginia.gov/assets/doc/DS/housing/dbhds-housing-assessment-and-referral-form\\_rev0719.pdf](http://www.dbhds.virginia.gov/assets/doc/DS/housing/dbhds-housing-assessment-and-referral-form_rev0719.pdf)

**Learn More about Housing Resources.** Support Coordinators and eligible individuals interested in Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Properties and other affordable housing resources can learn more by contacting Anna Bowman, Southwest Region Housing Coordinator, at 804-839-0476 or [anna.bowman@dbhds.virginia.gov](mailto:anna.bowman@dbhds.virginia.gov).