## Transforming Lives

## Aging and Long-Term Support Administration (ALTSA)

### Housing and Support Services

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## The ALTSA Housing Team:

Increasing options for independent housing with a range of support for those who choose not to call an institution home

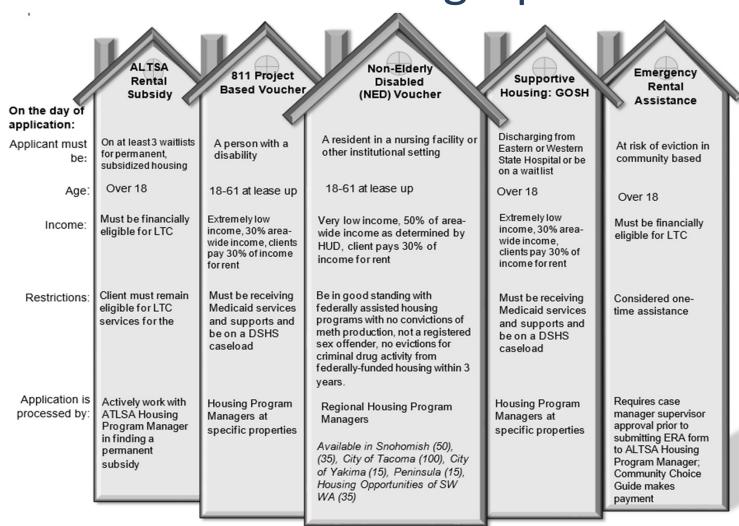
Non-elderly
Disabled
(NED)
Vouchers

ALTSA housing subsidies

HUD 811 PRA Subsidies

Supportive Housing

### **ALTSA Housing Options**



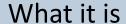
# Quick Overview – What Is Healthier Washington Medicaid Transformation?

- Is a 5 year demonstration waiver funded by CMS (Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services)
  - An agreement with the federal government which allows us to test new and innovative approaches to providing health coverage and care
  - Involves 3 state agencies
    - Health Care Authority (HCA) and Behavioral Health Admin (BHA) and Aging and Long Term Support Admin (ALTSA) of DSHS

### Includes 3 Initiatives

- Init 1: Transforming the Medicaid medical delivery system using Accountable Communities of Health (ACH)
- Init 2: Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS)
- Init 3: Foundational Community Supports (FCS)
  - Supportive Housing and Supported Employment

## Foundational Community Supports



- Targeted Medicaid benefits that help eligible clients with complex health needs obtain and maintain housing and employment stability.
  - Supportive Housing services
  - Supported Employment services

### What it isn't

- Ongoing payments for housing, rent, or room & board costs
- Wages or wage enhancements for clients
- Entitlement

## What is Supportive Housing?

- Supportive Housing (SH) is a philosophy, a program and an evidence-based practice
- SH keeps the individual front and center and supports their stated goals and work toward social integration
- Utilizes Harm Reduction and Assertive Engagement
- Home Visits

## Why Supportive Housing through ALTSA

- ALTSA seeks flexible, responsive, low barrier, independent solutions for clients with complex behavioral health challenges in addition to their long term care needs.
- Clients with these needs often do not thrive in institutional and current ALTSA residential care settings.
- Demographics indicate a growing need for those in current Supportive Housing programs to have better access to ALTSA services.

### How it Works: FCS Eligibility for ALSTA

#### Individual must:

- Want to live independently in their own apartment and
- Meet ALTSA Functional and Financial Eligibility (Needs Criteria)
  AND...



## Supportive Housing: More than Housing with Supports

We're focusing on ALTSA's clients who need a high level of engagement, including those with a history of:

- HUD definition Chronic Homeless, or
- Frequent or lengthy institutional contacts, or
- Frequent or lengthy adult residential care stays, or
- Frequent turnover of in-home caregivers or providers, or
- PRISM score of 1.5 or higher

If people are doing fine using existing housing supports (including informal supports, waiver services, client training, CCG services, housing vouchers) there's no need to use Supportive Housing.

### Amerigroup

### Third Party Administrator

- Contracted with the state
- Provides administrative oversight of benefit programs
  - Provider network development and maintenance
  - Service authorization
  - Distribution of reimbursement payments
  - Data/encounter tracking

### Amerigroup

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