

### DHS Housing Supports and Priorities

- Collaboration and leveraging resources to increase availability of affordable, integrated, and accessible housing with concentration on:
  - Individuals that live in institutional settings, who could live in the community with housing services and supports
  - Individuals and families who experience homelessness or are at risk of homelessness
  - Individuals who have extremely low incomes *and* households who are rent-burdened.



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### Strategic Plan and 1115 Waiver Development

- Stay Tuned and Save the Date!
  - [DHS Housing](#) - Updating the DHS Housing Strategic Plan
  - Addressing Social Determinants of Health and Health Related Social Needs
  - [Homes Within Reach December 6-8, 2023](#) (Presented by Housing Alliance of Pennsylvania)



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### Property Tax and Rent Rebate Program

- Governor Shapiro and HB 1100 expanded the [Property Tax and Rent Rebate Program](#) so more Pennsylvanians can benefit and receive higher rebate amounts each year. This Department of Revenue program helps Pennsylvania’s seniors, widows and widowers 50 and up, and people with disabilities to afford and stay in their homes.
- Renters can receive up to \$650, and in future renters and property owners will be eligible for rebates up to \$1000 each year.
- Expansion will allow approximately 173,000 new people to benefit from this program and will increase assistance for nearly 400,000 people who currently qualify.



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### Partnerships

- [Self-Determination Housing of Pennsylvania \(SDHP\)](#) advocates for accessible, affordable, and integrated housing opportunities for individuals with disabilities. [Regional Housing Coordinators](#) partner with community stakeholders to provide technical assistance and [no-cost trainings](#) to increase choice and affordability in housing for people with disabilities and older adults.
- SDHP recently launched the [Landlord Risk Mitigation Fund program](#) with DHS and Community Health Choices Managed Care Organizations creating housing opportunities by partnering with landlords to rent to individuals with disabilities.
- [Information and Referral](#) – Services providers and professionals can request assistance from SDHP to learn more about and connect to local, regional, and statewide resources for their consumers



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### DHS Hiring Now!

- [OMHSAS Housing Specialist \(Accepting applications through 10/4\)](#) The Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services' (OMHSAS) Bureau of Policy, Planning and Program Development is seeking a dedicated professional to advance access to safe and affordable permanent supportive housing.
- This position is responsible for developing, implementing, and monitoring policy and programs to increase access to community housing opportunities for persons with mental health, substance abuse, or co-occurring mental health and substance abuse treatment needs. Experience working in the field of housing/homelessness is desired.



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### Resources

- [Consumer Guide to Tenant and Landlord Rights](#) Office of Attorney General
- [Finding Your Way in PA](#) – Department of Education Resources For Children & Youth Experiencing Homelessness available as an app or website application
- [Housing and Services Resource Center | ACL Administration for Community Living](#)
- [PAHousingSearch.com | Pennsylvania Apartments | Pennsylvania Rental Homes](#)
- [United Way Pocono Funding Resources directory](#) (HUD Rural Housing Convening)



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