



Medina County

board of developmental disabilities



We are the community resource responsible for connecting, coordinating and funding vital services for individuals with developmental disabilities.

We help with everything from early intervention and education opportunities for children to employment and community inclusive living for adults.



Lets Talk Housing

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WHAT We Will Learn

- Housing definitions
- Public Housing Authority (PHA)
 - waiting lists
- Residential options
- Things to consider
- Planning for the future



Housing Definitions

- Waiver home: one or more individuals residing in this type of setting receives waiver services (also called congregate).
- ICF/IDD: This Medicaid funded home is called an Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities.
- Housing Board Home: Home owned and managed by a housing board under contract with a county board of DD. These homes are purchased with Community Capital Assistance funds.
- HUD Project Facility: Subsidized housing for individuals not receiving a housing choice voucher.
- 811 program: Special HUD program for individuals with a documented disability and qualifying income.

Public Housing Authority

- A PHA is a government entity authorized to administer HUD housing programs.
 - The Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCV) (previously known as Section 8) offers low-income participants the freedom of choice in finding an opportunity to lease an affordable privately-owned housing unit. The selected unit must meet HUD approved Housing Quality Standards (HQS) upon inspection and the rent for the unit must be determined to be reasonable. The PHA pays the difference between the contract rent and the participants portion, generally 30% of monthly income, with funds from the federal government.

Public Housing Authority

- In addition to the Housing Choice Voucher program, which can be with any landlord accepting the voucher, a PHA also administers Project Based Vouchers (PBV).
 - A project based facility is a subsidized apartment complex with income eligibility requirements.
 - The subsidy does not move with the person if they leave the project based facility

PHA-Waiting Lists

- PHAs have waiting lists for both the housing choice voucher program and project based facilities.
 - Local PHAs often close waiting lists when they reach a certain length. It is important to consider when one might be interested in a housing change so waiting list placement can occur.

Lets Talk Residential Options

- As families and teams discuss the future it is important to review what is important to the person when considering potential living arrangements.
 - Waiver services vs intermediate care facility.
 - Accessibility needs
 - Location desired
 - Surrounding community amenities
 - Service needs and provider availability
 - Housing costs (use affordability tool to assist with financial planning)
 - Interest in living with others

Important Things to Consider

- Where do I want to live and who do I want to live with?
 - Shared services model
- What type of services and supports will I need to be successful?
 - Interest in remote supports/technology
- How will I access my community?
- What is my budget?
 - Including utilities, food/household items, spending money, etc..

Planning for the future

- To monitor and address housing needs MCBDD going forward will ;
 - conduct an annual housing survey to identify those interested in a different living arrangement.
 - Assist individuals apply for housing assistance as available.
 - Keep a database of affordable housing units located within the county.



Questions?



MORE Information

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