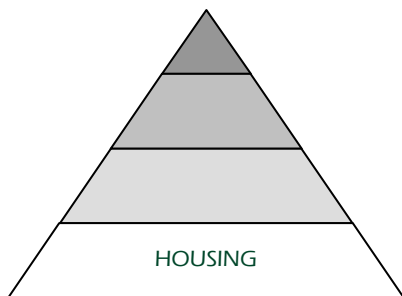


“HOUSING FIRST”

“We have come to understand that recovery is contextual or ecological; it is shaped and impacted by personal, social and physical environments. Within this ecological context, one dimension of recovery requires attention to ‘basic material needs’. When basic material needs are met in a stable and reliable fashion, a sense of safety is created. The establishment of safety is the starting point for healing.” (Center for Mental Health Services, 2002)



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Ravenwood's

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Ravenwood Mental Health Center provides a continuum of housing opportunities to best meet individual need and preference in the least restrictive setting for Geauga County residents who have a severe mental illness.

COMMUNITY RESIDENCE PROGRAM



The Community Residence Program provides independent living apartments in buildings owned and/or managed by Ravenwood. Most of the apartments are designed for a roommate. Rents are established by the landlord at 35% of the tenant's income up to the Fair Market Rent (FMR). Participants maintain a standard tenant/landlord lease and the program is designed to provide a natural community experience.

RESIDENTIAL SUPPORT PROGRAM

The Residential Support Program is a room and board housing service with some supervision within a family-type setting. Participants must be requesting and in need of some supervision but able to care for daily needs, including medication. Rent (room and board) is established at 50% of the tenant's income.

HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (HAP)



The Housing Assistance Program is a temporary rental assistance program to help persons secure safe affordable housing while waiting to obtain a Section 8 voucher, or employment income. Participants locate an apartment in the community and enter into a standard lease with the landlord. Rental assistance will be based on the Fair Market Rent for the unit and the tenant will be required to pay up to 40% of income. The participant is not required to participate in mental health programming beyond initial and annual eligibility determination.

TRANSITIONAL LIVING CENTER (TLC)

The Transitional Living Center (TLC) is a residential treatment program operated by Ravenwood Mental Health Center. The TLC is designed to meet the needs of persons with mental illness who require 24 hour supervision. Applicants must meet clinical eligibility guidelines and be able to bathe, feed and clothe themselves without physical assistance.

SHELTER PLUS CARE PROGRAM



Housing Services designed to meet Housing Needs

The Shelter Plus Care Program is funded through a grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, to provide homeless persons with mental illness with permanent, safe, secure and decent housing, in conjunction with mental health support services. The applicants must meet the HUD definition of homeless and be mentally disabled. They must also need and participate in some level of mental health support services. The participant enters into a standard tenant/landlord lease and the amount of rental assistance is based in the FMR and is up to 30% of income.

HOMELESS PREVENTION ASSISTANCE

Emergency financial assistance may be available through the Ohio Housing Trust Fund grant. The purpose of the funds is to provide emergency financial assistance for eligible persons with a severe mental illness who are homeless or at risk of being homeless. Funds may be used for security deposits, emergency rent, or emergency utility payments. Applicants are required to show proof of need and proof they can resume payments.