



nami
National Alliance on Mental Illness

Louisiana

What is the Housing Assistance Program?

- ✓ A rental assistance program designed to assist individuals with a mental illness and/or a substance abuse issue who are at risk of homelessness or re-institutionalization transition from state-run psychiatric facilities back into the community.

Who is Eligible for the Program?

- ✓ Program eligibility includes those individuals with a mental illness who are at risk of homelessness or re-institutionalization. **Priority** will be given to those who are exiting an institution such as a state-run or contracted psychiatric facility, nursing facility as referred through the PASRR Level II process, a correctional facility or individuals who are homeless/chronically homeless.

What is the Diagnosis Criteria?

- ✓ Individuals must have a psychiatric diagnosis, which may be accompanied by a co-occurring substance use disorder.

What are the Determining Qualifications for the Program?

- ✓ Must have a psychiatric/substance use diagnosis, be indigent, and at risk of homelessness.

Are the Services Long Term or Short Term?

- ✓ Services are short term and typically offered up to 4-5 months for transitional supports

What are the Program Requirements?

- ✓ All individuals must apply for Social Security and Medicaid prior to applying (must have proof-**IN WRITING**).

Housing Director -

- Oversees the entire Housing Assistance Program
- Establishes and maintains contracts with residential facilities
- Conducts monthly site visits - ensuring safety of housing, and satisfaction of clients residing at the contracted facility
- Advocates for the needs of clients and evaluates all issues that may require additional attention

IF YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO QUALIFIES FOR THE ABOVE PROGRAM

CONTACT:

LaShonda Gedward DeRouen

Housing Director

lderouen@namilouisiana.org

225-324-7421