

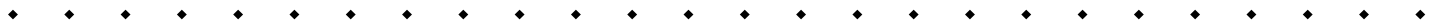
ALTSA Supportive Housing

Governor's Opportunity for Supportive Housing (GOSH)



The State Hospital Discharge and Diversion (SHDD) Program is a collaboration between the Aging and Long-term Support Administration (ALTSA) and Eastern and Western State Hospitals to provide increased discharge and diversion options for ALTSA clients residing at those institutions. As part of that effort, the Governor's Opportunity for Supportive Housing (GOSH) contracts directly with Supportive Housing Providers in the community to provide housing search and tenancy support services for individuals wishing to live independently. These are intensive services that pull together various community supports and resources to help support the transition for people choosing independent housing.

Supportive Housing providers can help an individual search for/secure housing and then continue to work with the individual to maintain housing. These are intensive services (caseload sizes of approximately [1:15](#)) and the Supportive Housing provider drives cross sector collaboration with the various support people working with the same individual regarding different needs.



Eligibility

Individual must:

- want to live independently, and
- be willing to work with a Supportive Housing Provider, and
- qualify for ALTSA services (financially & functionally eligible), and
- Be discharging or being diverted from Eastern/Western State Hospitals
 - Diversion is defined as: An individual with a 90 or 180 day commitment order for further involuntary treatment who is discharging from a local community psychiatric facility into a Home and Community Service and Supports (HCS LTSS); Or an individual who is detained through the Involuntary Treatment Act who is stabilized and discharged into HCS LTSS prior to the need to petition for a 90 or 180 day commitment order.

Referral Process

A referral can be made for GOSH by ESH/WSH, BHO/MCO, or HCS Case Managers by sending an email to the Regional Supportive Housing Specialist who works in the area where the individual wants to live.

****Contact information on back page.****

The Supportive Housing Specialist will ensure that the individual meets eligibility requirements and send the referral to a contracted Supportive Housing Provider. The Supportive Housing Provider has 2 business days to accept/decline the referral. Outcome of the referral will be provided to the referring party.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

If the individual is interested in Supportive Housing services and is discharging/diverting from Eastern/Western State Hospitals, how do I complete a referral?

There are three AL TSA Supportive Housing Program Managers who are available to assist with the referral process for GOSH. If you are working with an individual who could utilize Supportive Housing Services, contact the regional Supportive Housing Program Manager to begin the referral process.

Referral in Region 1: **Samantha Tippery, 509-309-9435, samantha.tippery@dshs.wa.gov**

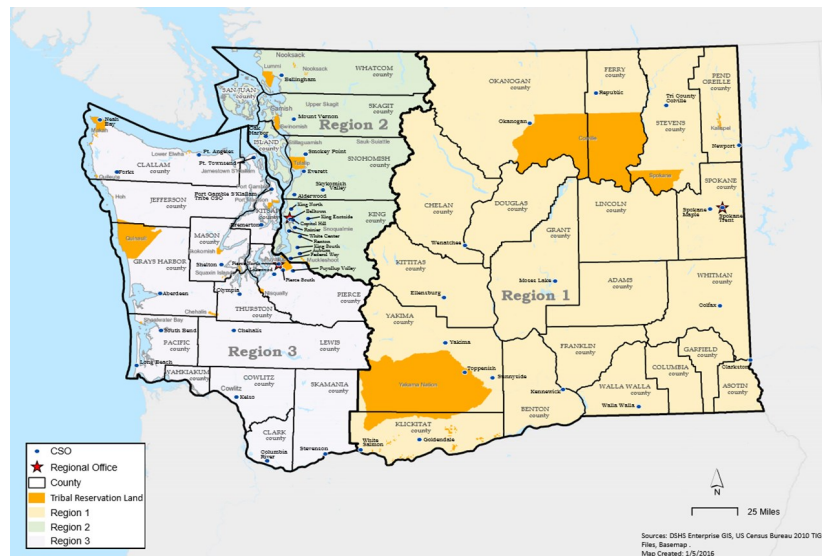
GOSH Available: Spokane, Stevens (parts of), Whitman (parts of), Benton, Franklin, Walla Walla (parts of), Grant, Chelan, Douglas, Kittitas, Yakima

Referral in Region 2: **Christine Cricchio, 360-763-2689, christine.cricchio@dshs.wa.gov**

GOSH Available: Whatcom (parts of), Skagit, Snohomish

Referral in Region 3: **Tammy Stewart, 360.764.0109, tammy.stewart@dshs.wa.gov**

GOSH Available: Pierce, Thurston, Lewis, Mason, Pacific, Grays Harbor, Cowlitz, Clark



If an individual does not qualify for Long-Term Care Services, how can he/she access GOSH Supportive Housing Services?

- Supportive Housing through GOSH is only available for individuals who qualify for long-term services through AL TSA.

How long can an individual receive Supportive Housing services?

- Supportive Housing services are a long-term service offered through Aging and Long-Term Support Administration (AL TSA). An individual can receive Supportive Housing services through AL TSA as long as he/she remains eligible for long-term care services.

Can an individual with a criminal background (including arson, registered sex offender, etc.), poor credit, or lack of a rental history receive Supportive Housing services?

- Supportive Housing services is a low-barrier service and does not require individuals to be “housing ready.” Supportive Housing assists individuals in obtaining/maintaining housing regardless of their criminal background or credit/rental history. These barriers may extend the time in housing search but don’t prevent an individual from receiving Supportive Housing services.