



Delaware State Rental Assistance Program (SRAP)

Purpose

To assist low-income households who are eligible to receive continuing supportive services but require affordable housing to live safely in the community.

Administration

DSHA administers the rental assistance portion of the program by utilizing its experience and expertise associated with the Housing Choice Voucher (Federal Section 8) program administration. Case managers representing the Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS), the Department of Services for Children, Youth, and Their Families (DSCYF), or an approved community service provider leverage existing funds to transition program participants into community, and to provide medical, psychological, personal care, or case management services to participants during their tenancy, if such services are desired by the participants.

Populations served

- Clients with physical, intellectual/developmental, or mental health disabilities, particularly those exiting state-supported and privately run long-term care facilities and nursing homes
- Clients exiting the Delaware Psychiatric Center (DPC)
- Young people between the ages of 18 and 21 who aged out of foster care at age 16 or older
- Families for whom the lack of adequate housing is a primary factor in the imminent placement of the family's child or children in out-of-home care, or in a delay of discharge of a child or children to the family from out-of-home care
- Applicants identified by case managers as at-risk of being admitted to, or requiring services from, an institution or long-term care facility
- Homeless families referred by representatives in designated School Districts
- Homeless Veterans who are identified and referred by veteran service providers

Eligibility requirements

To be considered eligible for SRAP, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Household income of 40% State Median Income or less
- Eligibility to receive continuing supportive services from an **approved service provider**
- Referral to DSHA by an **approved case manager**

Program access

DSHA does not accept SRAP applications directly—applicants must be referred by an **approved service provider**. Before a referral can be made, the service provider will determine the applicant's: 1) eligibility to receive provider services, and 2) eligibility to receive housing assistance through SRAP. Once eligibility has been confirmed, the service provider can forward the SRAP application to DSHA.