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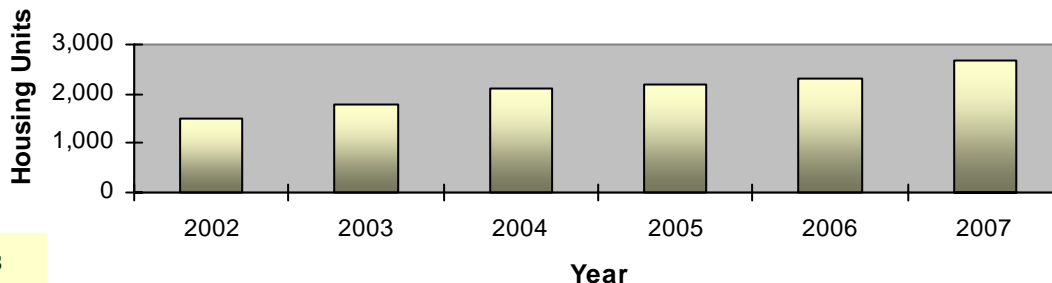
Supportive Housing: Better Care, Better Value

Research shows that one of the most important factors for achieving recovery from mental illness and substance use disorders is safe, permanent, affordable housing. **Supportive Housing** is such a housing option for previously homeless and at-risk persons and families. It is linked to flexible, accessible, supportive services that help people address everyday problems and lead more productive lives. In Supportive Housing, a tenant pays no more than 30% of household income toward rent and holds an individual lease or similar agreement. Permanent Supportive Housing requires ongoing communication between supportive services providers and property owners or managers, and/or housing subsidy programs.

Connecticut is the only state in the U.S. that has supportive housing on a statewide basis—its supportive housing efforts are among the most productive and innovative in the country. DMHAS and the Corporation for Supportive Housing have partnered with nonprofit providers and other state agencies for over 14 years to expand housing options. In 2007, housing will be provided for over 2,600 people. Supportive Housing is a cost-effective use of Connecticut's resources, building healthy homes and communities.



Graph To Show Yearly Supportive Housing Growth



Supportive Housing Partners

- ✘ State agencies (DMHAS, OPM, DSS, DECD, and DCF)
- ✘ Connecticut Housing Finance Authority
- ✘ Corporation for Supportive Housing
- ✘ Philanthropic organizations and corporations
- ✘ Consumers and family members
- ✘ Community-based nonprofit housing and service providers
- ✘ Federal Shelter Plus Care and Supportive Housing Programs

An independent evaluation found:

- Positive outcomes for tenants while decreasing their use of acute care and other expensive health services
- Property values in adjacent neighborhoods increased or remained steady following the development of Supportive Housing units
- People improve in supportive housing whether this involves single-site or scattered-site housing units.



Supportive Housing – It Works!

Rebuilding lives, restoring neighborhoods, and providing a cost-effective and prudent investment of public funds.

Upcoming Initiatives

- **Expanding rental subsidies** with DSS Rental Assistance Program certificates.
- **Uniform Standards**—DMHAS is working with the Corporation for Supportive Housing and the housing providers in developing and implementing the first set of statewide standards for supportive housing in the nation.
- **Monitoring/Training**—DMHAS, in collaboration with DSS and CSH, will develop a mechanism for compliance with these statewide standards.