



# HOUSING PROGRAMS

## AIDS Foundation of Chicago

Currently, AFC has 10 housing programs catered to people living with HIV and AIDS and other eligible disabilities. These programs include case management services that accommodate the needs of the clients.

### Chicago Model of Housing

In this model, eligible individuals are referred to intensive housing case managers who help them obtain permanent housing. Research has shown that providing services in a permanent housing setting leads to improved health outcomes. It is also less expensive than habitual shelter-stays and emergency medical services, which are often required by people who are chronically ill and experiencing homelessness.

That does not mean that participants do not need case management, substance abuse services, employment training or other supportive services. Even before participants are housed, they are linked to the wraparound services that best meet their immediate and long-term needs. This marks a fundamental shift from previous paradigms, in that services are transitional and housing is permanent.

## Housing Continuum

