



# LAKESHORE HOUSING ALLIANCE

## What Is Permanent Supportive Housing?



Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) is an intervention that combines affordable housing assistance with voluntary support services to address the needs of homeless people with permanent disabilities. The services are designed to provide support to help people maintain stable housing and connect people with community-based health care, treatment, and/or employment services. PSH projects often serve people defined as chronically homeless by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

**A person who is "chronically homeless" is an unaccompanied homeless individual with a disabling condition, or a family with at least one adult member who has a disabling condition, who has either been continuously homeless for a year or more OR has had at least four (4) episodes of homelessness in the past three (3) years.**

## PSH in Ottawa County

Serving 128 individuals and families  
January - June 2022



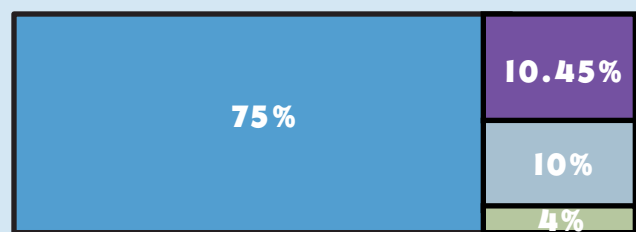
**A** Community Mental Health reported providing housing for **38 people in families and 58 individuals**. This program works with people who are literally homeless and permanently disabled, and prioritizes serving people who are chronically homeless.

**B** Good Samaritan Ministries—who administers a small-scale, 7-bed PSH project that specifically serves people who experience chronic homelessness—**provided housing and supportive services for six adults and one child**.

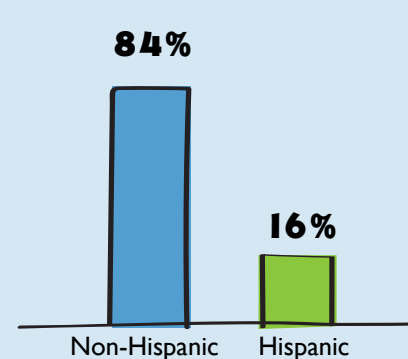
**C** HHI Management manages project-based vouchers—vouchers tied to particular apartment complexes—**served 15 people in households with children and 10 individuals**.

### Race

- White
- Black/African American
- American Indian
- Multi-Racial



### Ethnicity



An adult household member must have a long-term, diagnosed disability to be eligible for permanent supportive housing programs.

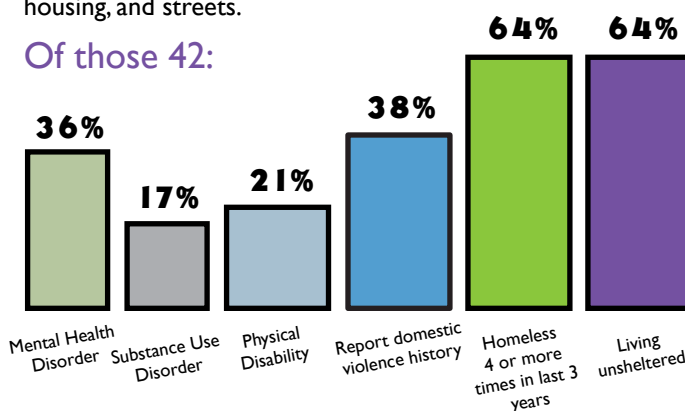
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- 57% Mental Health Disorder
- 23% Physical Disability
- 9% Developmental Disability
- 10% Chronic Health Condition
- 1% Other

### Unmet Need

There are currently 42 people who meet the definition of chronically homeless living in emergency shelter, transitional housing, and streets.

Of those 42:



**The LHA is committed to bringing an end to homelessness.**

Key to success is building the foundation for a coordinated and comprehensive community response to provide people with stable housing, permanent connections, education, employment, and social-emotional well-being.