



An easily replicable, Cost-Effective
Solution to End Homelessness

WHAT IS IT?

SHARE! Collaborative Housing is an innovative and proven solution to homelessness that permanently houses anyone with SSI within hours of their request

SHARE! Collaborative Housing is only offered in Los Angeles County. We are looking for partners to expand this wonderful program.

For immediate move-in call 1-877-SHARE-49

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A Brief Description of SHARE! COLLABORATIVE HOUSING

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HOW DOES IT WORK?

- Uses existing single-family houses in middle class neighborhoods. Disabled residents pay a portion of their SSI or equivalent income for a furnished house, including utilities, a fully-equipped kitchen and laundry, as well as Cable TV and computers with high-speed Internet
- A "Peer Bridger," a SHARE! employee who has experience and sustained recovery from mental health, trauma, homelessness and/or substance abuse is assigned to each home to provide support and guidance to our residents
- Is a safe, no-fail environment:

- *Vacancies always available
- *No Paperwork
- *Residents move-in with one phone call
- *Special populations (monolingual, LGBTQ, vegetarian, Kosher welcome)
- *Previous evictions are OK

HOW ARE WE DIFFERENT?

- Does not depend on expensive government programs such as Section 8 or housing vouchers
- There are no brick and mortar costs
- Does not require rental subsidies or move-in costs
- No security deposit or last month's rent
- No disqualifying people for poor credit; history of evictions; criminal history; current or past substance abuse; untreated serious mental health issues; or behavioral issues

SHARE! Collaborative Housing is a no-fail program: If someone is asked to move out of a house or chooses to leave for any reason, they are immediately placed in a different house, maintaining their housing as they make a fresh start.





HISTORY

Developed by community stakeholders, including homeless people working together to house the estimated 25,000 homeless people who are disabled with mental health issues in Los Angeles.

Stakeholders removed the barriers to housing people:
SHARE! Collaborative Housing

- Affordable
- Same day availability
- History not an obstacle
- Healthy friends and relationships
- Addresses health and mental health issues
- Deals with substance use and addiction
- Positive social support
- Stigma free housing
- Housing for life!

With these tenants in mind, the first SHARE! Collaborative House opened for men on December 17, 2005 in Carson, CA.

Today, SHARE! has learned how to make Collaborative Housing even more efficient and successful, growing to nearly 100 houses in the program including the original house.



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QUALITY ASSURED

SHARE!
ensures that Houses serve ethnic, racial, monolingual, LGBT and other diverse populations.
SHARE!
helps resolve issues at the house

MOVE IN TODAY!

Only two requirements: ==> No paperwork required!
==> Stay as short or as long as you want
1) SSI or equivalent income ==> No credit or backgrounds checks
2) Able to live independently ==> Previous evictions OK
==> Vacancies always available
==> If this house doesn't work SHARE!
will move you to another house

SAFE
AFFORDABLE
SUPPORTIVE
HOUSING FOR
PEOPLE WITH
DISABILITIES

RECOVERY ABOUNDS!

26% of mental health consumers get jobs in a year
4% reunited and move to be close to family within two months
70% regularly attend self-help groups, leading to fewer hospitalizations & incarcerations, more mentally stable, empowered, meaningful life

COST-EFFECTIVE

Cost-effective
Permanent Supportive Housing that eliminates the expense of building
Turns disabled people into taxpayers
Adds new affordable housing without Section 8 or vouchers
Reduces need for shelters and transitional housing
Slashes public cost of services for each person in SHARE! Collaborative Housing

OWNERS HAPPY TO RENT

SHARE! Recruits owners from "For Rent" ads
Minimum housing requirements:
Furnished Single family house
Cable TV & high-speed Internet
Equipped for immediate middle-class living
SHARE! Peer Bridger provides support and resources

SHARE! Collaborative Housing FAQ's

1. Does SHARE! really house people on the same day?
 - a. Yes. We place people the very same day.
2. How much does it cost per year for SHARE! to house a resident?
 - a. On average, under \$5,000 a year.
3. How much do people pay to live in SHARE! Collaborative Housing?
 - a. On average people pay less than \$500 a month.
4. How long can people stay?
 - a. People can stay as long or as short as they like.
5. Is this housing for addiction recovery?
 - a. No
6. Why do you have two people per bedroom?
 - a. Studies show that housing two people per bedroom increases the community and interaction within the house and results in better physical and mental health, employment and life satisfaction.
7. How are conflicts managed?
 - a. SHARE! trains residents in conflict resolution, so that most conflicts are managed in the house. SHARE!'s Peer Bridgers are available as additional support 24/7.
8. Do houses need licenses and are there zoning restrictions?
 - a. No, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that wherever a single family can live, so may a family of disabled people live without restriction.
9. Is the property furnished?
 - a. Yes, including a fully-equipped kitchen, computers with high-speed internet, cable TV and a washer and dryer. All utilities are provided as well.
10. How do I learn more about SHARE! Collaborative Housing?
 - a. Visit our website www.shareselfhelp.org or call 1-877-SHARE-49.





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