

HOUSING

An affordable, stable place to live can improve your chances of successfully fighting HIV infection. Stable housing can:

- **reduce stress,**
- **help you get rest regularly, and**
- **safely store HIV medications, including those that need refrigeration.**

If you lose your housing, many programs can help you cope for the short-term until you find a longer-range solution to your situation. Housing resources in Los Angeles County include programs that assist only people with HIV, as well as programs that help anyone in need, regardless of HIV status.

What Services Are Available?

- > *Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS (HOPWA)*. This program provides resources to meet your housing needs.
- > *Emergency Housing and Meal Vouchers*
- > *Short Term Rent, Mortgage and Utility Assistance Program (STRMU)*. This program can help you from becoming homeless.
- > *Lease, Operating and Supportive Services in Emergency and Transitional Housing*. This program can help keep you from becoming homeless
- > *Housing Specialists*. A housing specialist can help you find and maintain housing, apply for housing benefits, move and pay for move-in expenses
 - > *Supportive Services in Permanent Housing*. This program can help you adjust to a new living arrangement and maintain independent living.
 - > *Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program*. If you are a person with HIV/AIDS and have a very low income, this program pays up to 80 percent of your rent.

Are You Eligible?

In order to access the Housing Opportunities for Persons Living with AIDS (HOPWA) program, be prepared to provide these documents:

- > Utility bill
- > Rental, lease or mortgage agreement
- > Proof of income (you may not qualify for HOPWA program assistance if you currently lack means of income)
- > Letter from licensed physician to verify current HIV infection
- > Proof of California residence
- > Picture identification

These documents are acceptable to prove family relation:

- > Domestic partnership certificate
- > Marriage license
- > Child or children's birth certificates

-For the most up-to-date Housing listings visit www.hivla.org

If delivery of ADAP services has not been offered appropriately, please contact OAPP's warmline @ (800) 260-8787.

