



# INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAM (ILP) REFERRAL GUIDE

## WHAT IS THE ILP?

The Independent Living Program (ILP) is a community based initiative funded by the Mental Health Commission. The ILP provides long term affordable housing for clients aged between 18 and 65 with severe and persistent mental illness to live securely and successfully within the community.

The ILP provides person-centred support, which is tailored to individual needs and circumstances. Access Housing provides tenancy and property management services and works with external support providers and clinics to facilitate a stable support system for ILP tenants.

## HOW THE ILP HELPS

Through the ILP, Housing Choices Western Australia (Housing Choices WA) will:



House people in safe and secure accommodation



Work with service providers, clinics, carers and/or family to develop a support system



Support people to sustain their tenancy with a Tenancy Support Plan



Connect people with a Tenancy Team to manage their tenancy

## WHO CAN REFER TO THE ILP?

Referrals must come from:

- Mental Health Clinics
- GPs
- Mental Health Support Provider (providing clinical evidence of diagnosis)

## HOW DO YOU REFER INTO ILP?

To refer individuals to the ILP the referring agency must provide:

- Current risk assessment
- Client Management Plan
- Completed Housing Choices WA supported accommodation referral form

## WHAT DO APPLICANTS PROVIDE?

Applicants will need to provide the following:

- Completed application form
- Completed Release of Information form
- 100 points of identification

## INTAKE INTO THE ILP

All referrals will be assessed for eligibility and suitability for the program by an ILP Committee. Please note that Housing Choices WA is not obliged to accept anyone onto the waitlist or to offer housing.

It is a condition of the ILP that tenants receive appropriate support to assist them to maintain stable housing. This requires a collaborative input process to define risk and plan for the tenancy, prior to commencement of the tenancy. This includes the development of a Tenancy Support Plan.

Housing Choices WA may decline an application if:

- The referring agency/lead agency is unable to provide current and accurate risk assessment information;
- The tenant has insufficient support to address tenancy related risks; and or
- An applicant is not willing to engage with support and planning components of the program

### ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS?

Please contact your nearest Housing Choices WA office if you would like more information about the Independent Living Program.



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