

**811 Housing**

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) is collaborating with the Ohio Housing Finance Agency (OHFA), the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) and the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) to implement the Ohio 811 Project Rental Assistance Program.

The purpose of this program is to allow households composed of one or more persons with a disability, who are at least 18 but less than 62 years of age and extremely low-income, to live as independently as possible by subsidizing rental housing opportunities in integrated settings. All individuals will be Medicaid-eligible and therefore eligible for services.

**OhioMHAS Target Population:**

Individuals with a serious and persistent mental illness (SPMI) who are determined disabled, candidates for independent community living, and connected to a community behavioral health center.

**Referral Process:**

Myra Henderson serves as the Referral Agent for Ohio 811 for the Alcohol, Drug Addiction & Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board of Cuyahoga County. The Referral Agent certifies that a person has a qualifying disability to place that person on the waiting list. The disability must also be verified by the property manager before a person can be offered a lease and accepted into the program.

*Note the following information when referring individuals to 811:*

* **The program is not intended for individuals in need of immediate housing.**
* Review the Ohio 811 Referral Form, 811 Program Flyer, 811 Documentation Checklist, and Verification of Disability Form.
* Case Manager completes the Ohio 811 Referral Form and Verification of Disability Form for each individual interested in housing through 811.
* **Email completed forms to:** **henderson@adamhscc.org****through secure/encrypted email**
* Referral Agent will enter referral information into 811 system for pre-screening.
* Case Manager will be contacted regarding individual’s eligibility. If eligible, the individual is placed on the waiting list.
* Case Manager and individual will be contacted when a unit becomes available.
* Case Manager will arrange for individual to view unit and obtain documentation requested by the property manager.
* Case Manager notifies Referral Agent if housing is no longer needed or housing eligibility changes.

For more information and to obtain referral forms, contact Myra Henderson, Adult Behavioral Health Specialist II. She can be reached at henderson@adamhscc.org