



Creating Housing Options in Communities for Everyone

CHOICE provides rental assistance to make housing affordable for individuals with serious mental illness. Community Mental Health Centers provide services appropriate to the individual based on their individual needs.

Property Owners and Property Managers' benefits of participating in the CHOICE program:

1. Available units on your property will be filled
2. Approved tenants for CHOICE program will receive assistance from their local Community Mental Health Center in completing the lease agreement, paying rental application fee, rental security deposit, rental arrears, and utility security deposit.
3. Will receive help with issues arising around individual occupants participating in the CHOICE program.
4. Build a partnership with your local Community Mental Health Center and Public Housing Authority.
5. Will build a partnership with MHC, if property is in the Low Income Tax Credit program.

To Participate in the CHOICE Program

1. List units in MSHousingSearch.org and complete section "Special Needs Populations" and check "Mental Health Consumer" option.
2. Unit passes inspection using HUD Housing Quality Standards (HQS) or Emergency Solutions Grant Habitability Standards.
3. Rent is reasonable based on HUD Rent Reasonableness comparison carried out by Mississippi Home Corporation or its contractor.
4. Accept CHOICE voucher issued by Mississippi Home Corporation
5. Sign Housing Assistance Payment Contract with Mississippi Home Corporation.