



Goals

- To educate and empower families to find or create housing solutions for their family members with disabilities.
- To build the capacity of individuals to maintain tenancy.
- To improve the professional development of residential direct support staff.
- To conduct research on the housing needs and resources of the Massachusetts autism community.
- To educate the housing sector to meet the residential needs of individuals with autism.



The Need

- Over the next 20 years, more than 10,000 Massachusetts residents with autism will need affordable housing upon reaching adulthood.
- More than 80% of young adults with autism still live at home.
- The direct support staff turnover rate is 53% in residential/in home care nationally.
- Less than 1% reside in housing with staff trained to support people with autism.

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Autism Housing Pathways
building roads to home

Most families take 5-10 years to develop and execute their roadmap to housing

ROADMAP TO HOUSING
 5- to 10-year timeline

1 GET ON LISTS
 Get on waitlists for housing waiting lists. (Steps 18-22)

2 APPLY FOR BENEFITS
 Apply for supportive services and cash benefits that can be used now. (Steps 18-22)

3 ASSESS SKILLS & SUPPORTS
 Identify skills your family member has or can develop, as well as those they will need fully with or without help from others. (As early as possible)

4 BUILD SKILLS
 Develop daily living skills and other skills. Develop and implement systems to handle skills your family member will need fully with or to have done for them. (While you are waiting for housing)

5 MOVE IN
 Execute your housing plan: move. If general skills and support systems in the new setting, add any additional services appropriate to the new setting.

Autism Housing Pathways is a family-driven, membership-based organization serving individuals and families in Massachusetts impacted by autism and other developmental disabilities.

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AHP Mission

At Autism Housing Pathways (AHP), our mission is to enable Massachusetts residents with developmental disabilities and their families to find or create sustainable, supported, self-directed housing that meets their needs and contributes to their quality of life.

While autism is the main focus of AHP, we welcome those representing other disabilities.



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AHP Services

- Turning 18 Checklist.
- “Thinking about housing”: a presentation for families just getting started.
- “Applying for housing”: learn how to apply for affordable housing.
- www.18section8.org: our companion website that’s all about applying for housing.
- “Learning about housing”: a 5-part virtual workshop for families ready to develop a housing plan.
- Family Action Meetups: meet other families and learn about housing models.
- Online video training for group home staff on reinforcement, visual supports, and sensory regulation.
- Housing workbooks at 3 reading levels: 8th grade, 1st grade, and social stories/sticker activities.
- Visual supports for household chores and self-care.
- “Life Skills Library”: video training on our YouTube channel, AHPhousing.
- Individual housing consultation and housing application assistance.

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AHP Membership

Members have access to a wide variety of materials in the “Members” section of the website, including information and planning tools developed by, and proprietary to, Autism Housing Pathways, Inc.

Membership is \$50 per year. Payments can be made on our website or send a check by mail to: AHP, 22 Willowdale Road, Winchester, MA 01890.

AHP Learn more!

Get all of our conference booth handouts by scanning our QR code!



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