

- Income must be at or below 35% area median income for Orange County.
- Contact the ASF Housing Department to get on the wait list.
- Applicants must either be a U.S. citizen or a legal resident.

San Miguel Residence (Mercy House Project)

Permanent housing with supportive services for Mercy House program graduates. Two houses - one with 4 bedrooms in a shared living setting; the other house has 4 one-bedroom apartments and 1 two-bedroom apartment. San Miguel Residence has 5 set-aside units for people with HIV/AIDS. HUD vouchers are accepted.

Next Step (STRAIGHT Talk)

Independent living, Permanent and transitional, for people who want a sober atmosphere. Six bedrooms are for permanent housing and two bedrooms, two per room, are for transitional housing. HUD vouchers are accepted. Priority is given to HIV+ individuals. For more information, please call (714) 554 1237.

OTHER PERMANENT HOUSING

Section 8

Section 8 is a rental subsidy program funded by HUD and administered by local housing authorities. This program does not require HIV or disability.

- Income restriction - at or below 50% area median income for Orange County.
- Apply directly with the individual Housing Authorities.
- Currently the only Housing Authority accepting applications is the Anaheim Housing Authority - (714) 765 4320.

OTHER RESOURCES

Public Law Center

If you are experiencing difficulty with your housing, and need advocacy and legal assistance, your case manager can refer you to the Public Law Center.

- Must be referred by your case manager.

Fair Housing Council of Orange County

Provides counseling concerning housing rights and the law for landlords and tenants, with some free legal services available to assist in landlord/tenant disputes and litigation. Provides mediation as an alternative to courts for dispute resolution.

InfoLinkOC

For current listing of shelters and financial assistance programs, other than HIV/AIDS related, contact InfoLink at (888) 600-4357.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Very Low Income

Area Median Income for Orange County changes each year. Please check with your case manager or with the Housing Department at AIDS Services Foundation Orange County for the current Area Median Income.

Phone Numbers

AIDS Services Foundation (ASF)

Main Office (949) 809 5700
 Housing Office (949) 809 5783

Emmanuel House

Program Manager (714) 836 7188 x116

REACH (714) 834 7926

Info Link Orange County (888) 600 4357

SHANTI OC (949) 452 0888

The Center OC (714) 534 0862

Delhi (714) 481 9600

STRAIGHT Talk

Gerry House (714) 972 1402
 START House (714) 554 1237

17th Street Clinic - OCHCA (714) 834 7991

Public Law Center (PLC) (714) 541 1010

Fair Housing Council

of Orange County (714) 569 0823 or (800) 698 FAIR

The purpose of this brochure is to provide you with a listing of the HOPWA (Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS) funded housing resources, as well as other housing programs for people living with HIV/AIDS, in Orange County. Also included is information about other permanent housing programs, and how to access legal assistance when faced with housing situations that you are not able to resolve yourself.

For further information about HOPWA housing resources, please feel free to contact the Housing Department staff at AIDS Services Foundation Orange County (ASF).

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Housing Programs in Orange County for people living with HIV/AIDS



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HOUSING RESOURCES

Emergency Financial Assistance

The following programs are available to any client of one of the Orange County HIV Service Agencies.

To qualify, you must be disabled due to HIV and able to demonstrate that there is a financial gap with no other resources available. Your income must be under 50% of the Area Median Income. (See the last page for the list of HIV Service Agencies in Orange County and the breakdown of the financial requirements.) **You must be referred by your case manager.**

Financial Assistance for Rent & Mortgage

ASF can assist with up to \$800 per year with rent. You cannot be receiving any other rental assistance, such as Section 8, RAP, Shelter Plus Care, STAR, etc.

Utility Assistance

ASF can assist with up to \$100 per year with utilities. You cannot be receiving any other rental assistance, such as Section 8, RAP, or Shelter Plus Care.

Telephone Assistance

ASF can assist with up to \$50 per year for telephone bills.

Move-In Assistance

ASF can assist with up to \$1,000 toward rental deposit, a life-time limit. You must be disabled due to HIV, unless the deposit assistance is for a subsidized unit, such as Section 8, RAP, Shelter Plus Care, STAR, etc.

Emergency/Transitional Housing

In order to qualify for ASF's Transitional Housing program, you must be HIV+ and either homeless, or at risk of becoming homeless. **You must be referred by your case manager.**

ASF's Transitional Housing - Treatment Facility/Motel

The Housing Case Manager will assess you to determine which placement, treatment facility or motel, is most appropriate. If there is a history of substance abuse you will be placed in a treatment facility/sober living facility.

- The Housing Case Manager will work with you to develop a plan to move into permanent, stable housing within a reasonable period of time.
- You must be willing to actively participate in your housing plan, which may include obtaining employment, or some other form of income, a savings plan, attending workshops, and/or aggressive apartment or roommate search.
- Your income must be less than 35% of the Area Median Income. If your income is between 20% and 35% of the Area Median Income, you will have a share of cost for the treatment facility or motel of 30% of your income. If your income is less than 20% of the Area Median Income, there is no share of cost.

Emmanuel House (Mercy House Project)

- Emmanuel House is a 21-bed transitional housing program owned and run by Mercy House, for persons with HIV or AIDS who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.
- Income must be at or below 50% of the area median income in Orange County.
- The Program Fee may run up to \$275 per month (for rooms with a private bath), depending on income.
- You must be referred by your case manager.

STRAIGHT Talk

- **START HOUSE** is a transitional living program for people with HIV/AIDS, substance abuse and the homeless. Residents are required to attend AA or NA meetings. Maximum stay is 4 months. You can call REACH for a referral, or call START House directly.
- **GERRY HOUSE** is a 6 month recovery program with 6 beds set aside for people with HIV/AIDS. You can call Gerry House directly for an interview.

Accessing HIV Housing Resources in O.C.

Any HIV+ Orange County resident can receive housing information on and referrals to an array of housing options including: emergency shelters; transitional housing; permanent, independent housing; sober living and treatment facilities; and medical detox

facilities (with beds set aside specifically for people living with HIV); and rental assistance programs.

ASF's Housing Department has resources available, including an affordable housing list, Internet access for apartment searches, assistance in calling landlords and completing rental applications, and transportation assistance to meet with potential landlords and property managers. For assistance with referrals to drug/alcohol detox facilities, you can call REACH.

For Housing Resource services call your case manager or call the ASF Housing Staff directly.

Roommate Referrals

ASF offers assistance in linking clients who would like to share a home or an apartment. The Housing Case Manager can link you with someone who has housing to share. Only first names of roommates will be given, and you will be responsible for all screening and interviewing of potential roommates. ASF assumes no responsibility for matching roommates.

The Center Orange County also has a Roommate Referral Program. There is no HIV requirement. You can call the Center directly for their listings.

Short-Term Assistance for Rent (STAR)

STAR is an emergency rental assistance program that pays a rental subsidy directly to your landlord on a quarterly basis. The assistance is up to \$500 every three months for a household of one or two, and up to \$700 every three months for a household of three or more.

- You must be disabled due to HIV and have an income at or below 50% of the area median income of Orange County.
- You must also have lived in your residence for at least 60 days.
- To apply, you can contact your case manager or the ASF Housing Department for an application to get on the wait list.

PERMANENT HOUSING PROGRAMS Rental Assistance Program (RAP)

RAP is sponsored by ASF and the City of Santa Ana to provide ongoing monthly rental assistance to persons who are disabled

due to HIV and have an income at or below 50% of the area median income of Orange County.

- To apply, you can contact your case manager or the ASF Housing Department for an application to get on the wait list.

Shelter Plus Care

Shelter Plus Care is a permanent supportive housing program that provides rental assistance to low-income, homeless individuals with specific disabilities (HIV/AIDS, chronic substance abuse, serious and persistent mental illness, dual diagnosis). Shelter Plus Care is a Federal Grant Program and is applied for through HUD's yearly SuperNOFA application process.

- Applicants are referred by their case manager, and must participate in a plan developed with their case manager to address barriers to independent living in order to assist the client in maintaining their housing.
- There is no wait list for this program. Openings are announced when funding is made available. The provider agencies are made aware of the openings and can assist you in the application process.

Hagan Place

Independent living one-bedroom apartments in Laguna Beach for men and women disabled due to HIV/AIDS. Hagan Place is managed by Solari Enterprises, Inc.

- You must have an income at or below 50% of the area median income of Orange County, and have a letter of diagnosis indicating disabled. Credit/criminal/rental history will be checked.
- To apply, call the manager at Hagan Place at (949) 376-3033 to request an application to get on the wait list.

Casa Alegre Apartments

Studio apartments in Anaheim for homeless individuals with HIV/AIDS who are also disabled due to any condition.