# Affordable Housing Options and Opportunities

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#### Where to start?

- So you have decided you are ready to have more independence, and are looking to live on your own in the community
- An IPP meeting with your Service Coordinator is a great starting point
  - Discuss different options, services, what types of support you will need, how much can you afford, are you working, in school......
- Begin choosing an appropriate supported or independent living agency to work with

- Independent Living may provide up to 25 hours per month
- Supported Living need daily supports
- What's in between?
  - Family Home Agency you may want to live with another "family" in their home while you gain more independence and continue to look for housing opportunities

## **Affordable Housing**

- Affordable Housing can look like many different options
- You may rent an apartment in the community
- You may live with roommates
- You may live in an affordable housing unit
- You may have a housing subsidy voucher (HUD)

#### Vouchers

- A Housing Choice Voucher is a Federal housing program, and provides a recipient with a reduced rental payment
- You will need to apply for an be awarded a voucher, which can then be used within the community
- Typically a person will pay 30% of their income towards the rent
  - Income = \$1000 per month, rent is \$300 per month

- There are 4 Housing Authorities in Orange County
  - Santa Ana
  - Anaheim
  - Garden Grove
  - Orange County covers all other cities
- Total rent amount must fall within the allowed range
- Waiting lists tend to be very long 7 years!
- RCOC recommends getting on a wait list anytime you have a chance

#### **Housing Authorities**

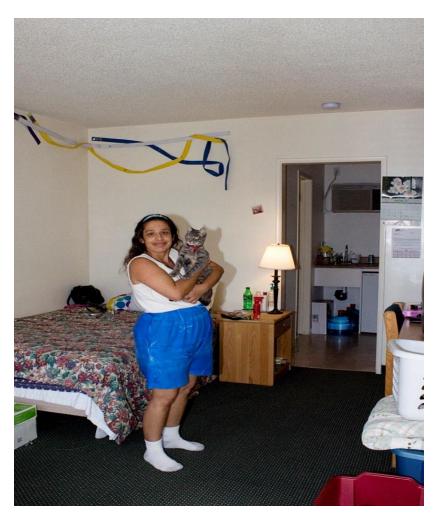
- Orange Count Housing Authority
  - <u>www.ochousing.org</u> or 714) 480-2700
- Anaheim Housing Authority
  - www.anaheim.net or 714) 765-4320
- Garden Grove Housing Authority
  - www.ggcity.org or 714) 741-5150
- Santa Ana Housing Authority
  - www.santa-ana.org
     or 714) 647-5400

## **Site Specific**

- There are some apartments that have been designated as "affordable"
- These are known as Site Specific locations, and will typically have certain preferences for tenants
  - This may include a live/work preference for the city in which located, monthly income requirements, etc.
- RCOC will typically send out information when these become available and work through the application and leasing process

# Integrity Cottages in





#### Vista del Rio Santa Ana





#### Salerno in Irvine





- If you need information on current affordable housing options specifically for people with developmental disabilities, you can contact Jack Stanton or Leah Saitz. You can also ask your Service Coordinator or Independent Living vendor to help you.
- While the housing authorities do not currently have open wait lists for Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers, they often have information about other housing opportunities.