

Housing plays a crucial role in the recovery of persons with psychiatric disabilities. *Housing for Persons with Psychiatric Disabilities: Best Practices for a Changing Environment* addresses the factors that have brought the issue of housing to a critical juncture and the important role played by State Mental Health Agencies in promoting increased housing opportunities and options for consumers. It examines the key issues in housing for persons with psychiatric disabilities in eight topic areas: (1) planning; (2) finance; (3) development, management and ownership; (4) rental assistance strategies; (5) consumer preferences; (6) managed care; (7) services and supports; and (8) rights and roles of tenants and landlords.

The goal of this Tool Kit is to respond to the information and technical assistance needs of State Mental Health Agencies, state housing finance agencies, and public and private housing developers. It is intended to promote new collaborations among these key players at national, state and local levels that will, in turn, make a tangible difference in expanding consumer's access to permanent housing. By providing concrete examples of effective strategies that have been successfully utilized to develop, finance and advocate for housing and supports for people with psychiatric disabilities, the Tool Kit can help these new partners identify and move toward their common goals.