

# Pathways to Housing

The City and County provide a range of services and programs to both prevent homelessness and support those who are experiencing homelessness. Each person's needs are different. This visualization illustrates that range of options to support specific needs.

## WHO WOULD BE CONSIDERED HOMELESS?



Homelessness can look different for different people. Some are couch surfing, doubling up in residences, or living in vehicles, while others are more visibly living unsheltered outside. The following communities are particularly at risk, and are overrepresented among those experiencing homelessness:

- People of Color
- Veterans
- Elderly
- LGBTQIA+
- People with disabilities
- People with unmet mental health needs
- People with substance use issues
- Combinations of these

## WHO COULD BE AT RISK?



Examples can include people who have experienced:

- Income that doesn't meet their basic needs
- A job loss
- Domestic violence
- Excessive medical debt

## WHAT IS PERMANENT HOUSING?

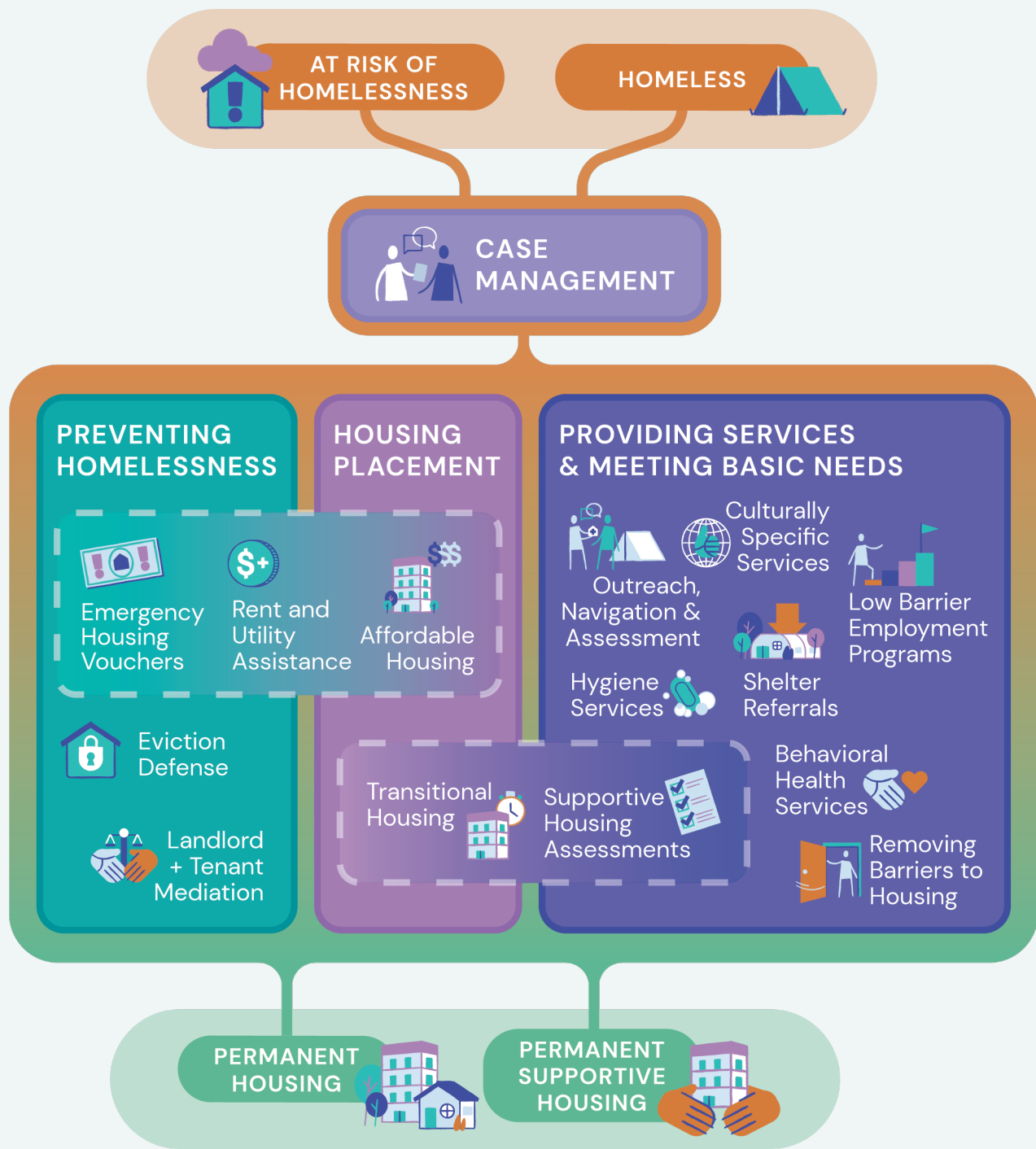


The U.S Department Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has definitions for various types of housing, and a range of programs to help people meet their needs. The important part is that Permanent Housing is a place people can live independently and call home without a designated length of stay – whether leased or owned.

## WHAT IS PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING?



Permanent Supportive Housing combines affordable housing with support services to address the needs of chronically homeless people. The services are designed to build independent living and tenancy skills and connect people with community-based health care, treatment, and employment services. They also offer case management, rent assistance, and other care as needed.



## JAVIER'S STORY

After Javier was laid off, he and his kids nearly lost their apartment. A friend connected them to a local non-profit which provided federal emergency rent assistance available through the Portland Housing Bureau. This helped cover his income gap for a few months, until he could find a new job. Their case manager connected Javier to other services for basic needs, and a free afterschool program, which his kids love. He and his kids remain stably housed in their apartment.



## GINA'S STORY

Gina identifies as Black and has experienced microaggressions and racism accessing services from both staff and other participants at a larger shelter. Given this, she has been living outside in community with other BIPOC people. Outreach staff referred Gina to a program with culturally specific services for the BIPOC community. She received culturally relevant and affirming services that were delivered by people who looked like her and had familiarity with her needs.



If you or someone you know is in need of housing services, please call 211 for assistance.

Toll free (for wifi calling): 866-698-6155

