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PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

*There are over 2,106 chronically homeless individuals in
Colorado.*

*2019 Point in Time Count

Permanent supportive housing (PSH) is an intervention that combines affordable housing assistance with voluntary support services to address the needs of those who have experienced chronic homelessness. Services are designed to build independent living with tenancy skills and connect people with community-based health care, treatment and employment services.



Mission

Permanently end chronic homelessness from **Aspen to Parachute** through the development of Permanent Supportive Housing. Ensure everyone has a place to call home and the support they need to keep it.

Methodology

- Secure a viable property to create a permanent supportive housing unit with our development consultant
- Determine the best method of funding
- Apply to State Housing Department for PSH project based housing vouchers
- Find a developer willing to establish the building for PSH
- Find a primary service provider to deliver services to residents
- Open unit and house chronically homeless individuals

Success Stories

- In 2006, the total emergency related costs for the sample group declined by **72.95 percent, or nearly \$600,000 in the 24 months** of participation in the Denver Housing First Collaborative program compared with the 24 months prior
- 50% of participants have documented improvements in their health status
- 43% have improved mental health status, 15% have decreased their substance use, and 64% have improved their overall quality of life

Denver Housing First Collaborative (2006)