



**CIL-NET Presents...**

***Assisting Individuals to Find Affordable, Accessible,  
Integrated Housing***

**Choice: Show me the Money!**

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# Affordability

HUD's definition of affordability is no more than 30% of the person's income should be spent on housing costs.

It is clear that most communities do not have housing that is affordable at that level.

Almost everyone on an SSI income will need financial assistance to afford housing.

## Affordability, cont'd.

Even with a housing voucher in place, most people will be stretching every penny.

It is important to help people consider all of these factors before they move.

Let's take a look at the Costs and Assistance Worksheet.

## Affordability, cont'd. 2

Let's review housing assistance. How does housing become affordable?

- Rental subsidies
- Subsidized housing
- Costs paid by others (for example, insurance covers assisted living)
- Housemates
- Group living situations

# Kay

Look again at Kay's strengths assessment and her needs and preferences (what do I want in a new place?).

Assume she is on SSI and will qualify for in-home services.

Develop her costs and assistance worksheet.

# Show me the money

## Discussion:

- Can people supported by SSI live without further assistance?
- What strategies are available to make housing affordable?
- How can we support choice in a resource-poor environment?

## For more information

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