



Housing Options Best Practices Forum

August Forum Topic: Housing options for individuals with criminal histories

Do you work with people who need help finding housing?

Helping people find housing can be very challenging, and factors like **disabilities, homelessness, and mental illness** can increase the barriers to finding housing.

Now what happens when the person served also has a prior **criminal conviction**?

Join us to identify and share **resources and tools** to connect the people you work with to the housing they choose.

When: Monday, August 17th, 2015, 1:30pm to 3:30pm

Where: Department of Human Services in St. Paul and ITV sites across the state:

- Anoka County
- Chisago County
- Clay County
- Crow Wing County
- Freeborn County
- Hennepin County
- Itasca County
- Kandiyohi County
- Lyon County
- Mille Lacs County
- Olmsted County
- Pine County
- Polk County
- Pope County
- Rice County
- St. Louis County (Duluth and Virginia)
- Scott County
- Sherburne County
- Stearns County
- Steele County
- Stevens County
- Wright County

What will I learn: How criminal history affects the ability to obtain housing, about expungements, and about resources the people you serve can access. Topics include:

- Fair Housing Act
- Housing and Urban Development supportive housing disqualifiers
- common Public Housing Authority policies
- new Expungement Law and resources for Expungement
- processes that are working in different regions in the state

Presenters: Kate Erickson (Minnesota Department of Corrections), Andrea Palumbo (Attorney), Minnesota Council on Crime and Justice, and Northland Counseling

Who should attend: Social services staff from counties and tribes, case managers, providers serving people with disabilities or mental illnesses and people experiencing homelessness

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