

## SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

Cost Effective and Evidenced-Based

**Supportive housing** is a proven solution that combines affordable housing with individualized services that help people with the most complex challenges live with stability, autonomy and dignity. It reduces homelessness and avoids the unnecessary institutionalization of people with disabilities.

### Who Needs Supportive Housing?

- People Experiencing Chronic Homelessness
- Persons with a Severe Mental Illness
- Persons with a Substance Abuse Disorder
- Homeless Veterans
- Elders with Special Needs
- Victims of Domestic Violence
- Youth Aging Out of Foster Care
- Homeless Persons with HIV/AIDS



#### MENTAL HEALTH



**Supportive Housing** increases housing security, jobs, mental and physical wellbeing, and school attendance; and decreases the use of substances. People living in affordable housing are living more secure and productive lives.

#### COST EFFECTIVE



**Supportive Housing** costs 30% less than keeping people homeless and stuck in the revolving door of high-cost crisis care and emergency housing.

#### BENEFICIAL



**Supportive Housing** helps create solid, stable neighborhoods by improving community security, enhancing new or rehabilitated properties and increasing or stabilizing property values over time.

#### FAMILY



**Supportive Housing** can help families stay together. Providing family with the services they need to stay together, we can protect children who might be at risk for abuse and neglect.

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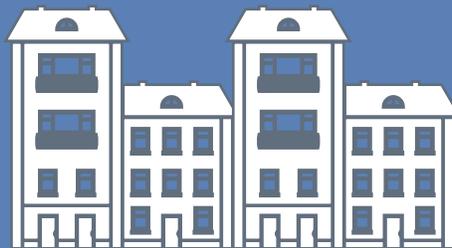
**MYTH:** Solving homelessness is too expensive

**REALITY:** Solving is LESS expensive

It cost less to create housing for people who are homeless than it does to leave them on the streets



Supportive housing is proven to end homelessness



Supportive housing means nice apartment developments that are neighborhood assets



Supportive housing increases household incomes, improves health and enhances educational outcomes

Health is powerfully influenced by where people live, learn, work and play.



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Boley Center  
St. Petersburg, FL

Supportive Housing is high quality housing that is operated for the benefit of its residents and the community

In addition to being highly cost effective, supportive housing has positive impacts on residents

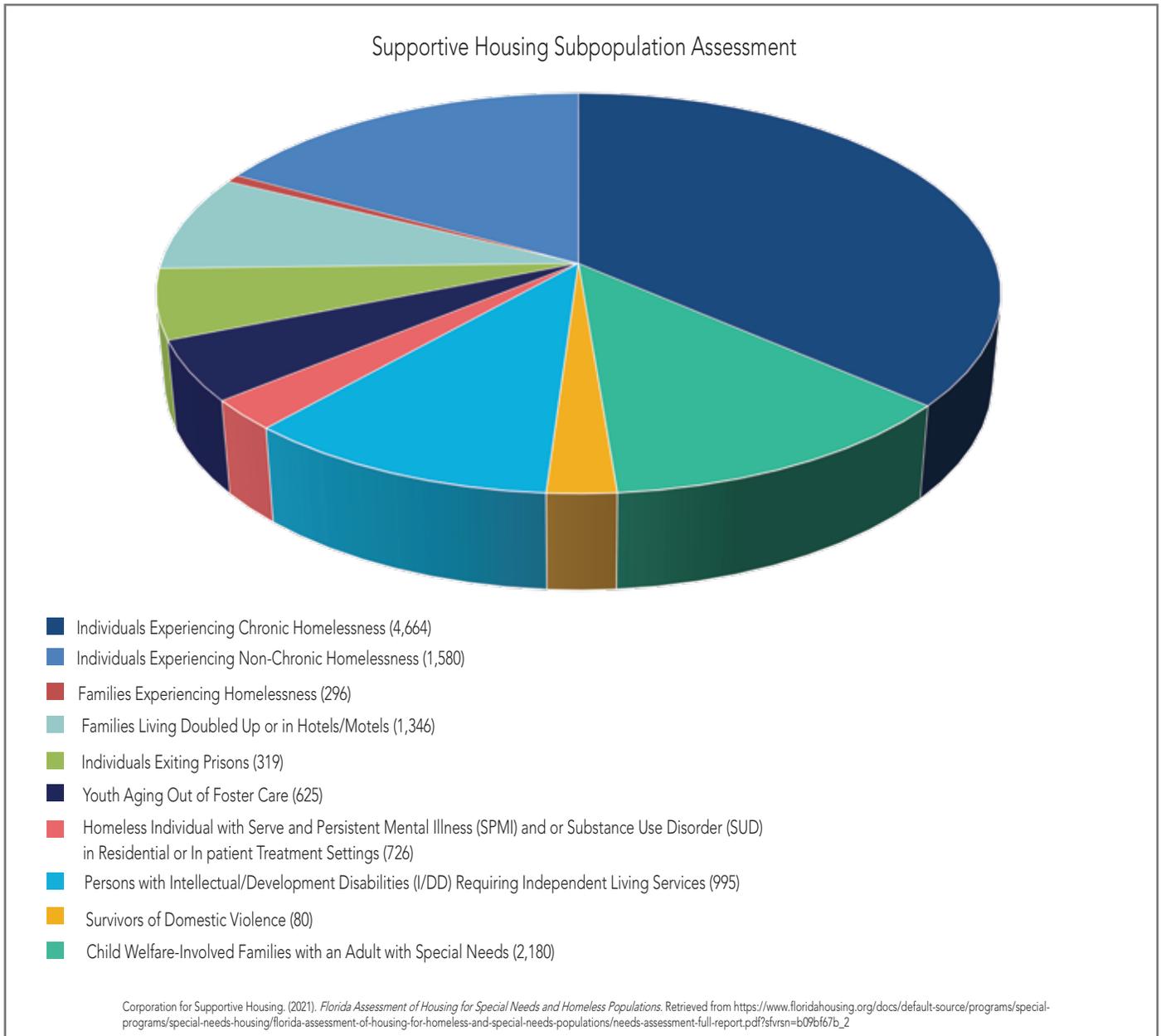


Supportive housing residents experienced an increase in social connections with family and friends, improvement in mental health status, and use increased primary care services.



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According to a 2021 report, Florida needs 12,811 units of supportive housing.



The Florida Supportive Housing Coalition (FSHC) is a statewide organization dedicated to fostering the development of housing and wrap-around services for populations with special needs, veterans, young people aging out of foster care system, victims of domestic violence, persons with a disability such as persons with mental illness or with a substance abuse disorder, and persons experiencing or at risk of homelessness. We envision a Florida where people with special needs can live, work and prosper in their communities of choice with the supports they need.

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