

# Programs

If you or anyone you know is experiencing any instability in housing status, do not hesitate to reach out to us.

**We're here to help.**



## Rapid Re-Housing

Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) provides short-term and medium-term (1-24 months) tenant-based rental assistance and supportive services to households experiencing homelessness. The goals are to help people obtain housing quickly, increase self-sufficiency and stay housed. It is offered without preconditions (such as employment, income, absence of criminal record or sobriety), and the resources and services provided are typically tailored to the needs of the person. Advent House Ministries currently maintains RRH programs that assist both families and individuals currently facing homelessness.

## Permanent Supportive Housing

Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) provides long-term housing assistance (e.g., leasing or rental assistance), and supportive services are provided to assist literally homeless families with at least one member (adult or child) with a long-term disability in achieving housing stability. Advent House Ministries currently maintains several PSH programs and provides case management for several PSH programs maintained by the Lansing Housing Commission.

## Project-Based Voucher Management

Project-Based Vouchers (PBV) are a component of the Michigan State Housing Development Authority's (MSHDA) Housing Choice Voucher program. MSHDA uses its tenant-based voucher funding to allocate a percentage of project-based units at a property. Projects are typically selected for PBVs through a competitive process managed by MSHDA. PBV case management is provided to clients in these selected property units. Advent House Ministries provides case management to some local Project-Based Voucher properties in conjunction with Ingham Community Mental Health. The current property for which Advent House Ministries provides case management is Prestwick Village.

## Shared Housing Intervention Program

The Shared Housing Intervention Program (SHIP) works with families who do not meet the HUD definition of homelessness but are doubled up, couch surfing or staying with family. The program is a collaboration of Housing Services Mid Michigan, Child and Family Services and Advent House Ministries and serves families in Eaton and Ingham counties. Case managers work with families providing financial literacy, support, advocacy and linkages to financial assistance programs and other agencies.

## Street Outreach

Working alongside local partners such as the Capital Area Transportation Authority, the City of Lansing and the City of East Lansing, we provide street outreach services to unsheltered individuals. One of our key initiatives is the PATH program, which is led by Housing Services Mid Michigan and a consortium of Tri-County service providers. Our goal is to help the homeless population secure shelter options that lead to permanent housing. Street Outreach is distinguished by its short-term care model and strengths-based approach to building trust with our clients. All outreach efforts, whether PATH or our own, involve direct contact with people who live in nontraditional settings such as streets, vehicles and camps. We have found that our approach is most effective when we engage with clients and connect them to essential services and coordinate with other resources that support housing stability (food assistance, children's services, behavioral health, disability services, employment and training programs and more).

## Weekend Day Shelter

The mission of the Weekend Day Shelter is to improve the daily lives of children and families through community engagement, recreation and learning opportunities that build on the strengths of character and purpose gained in their experiences of working through poverty. Our core program is the Weekend Day Shelter, from which all of our other programs have developed. Because our Weekend Day Shelter is open during times when other services are unavailable, this program provides stability to those most at risk in our community. The Weekend Day Shelter meets the basic needs of food and day shelter, as well as other services that build life skills. The program serves those in our community who face serious ongoing challenges to gaining stability, as well as those who have more recent loss of resources and need only assistance with food. Advent House provides the environment and tools essential to setting goals and achieving stability.

