



Re-Balance the System from Institutions to Community-Based Supportive Housing!

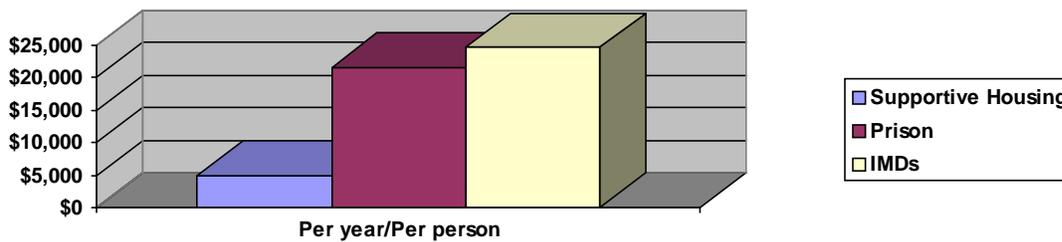
Keep the funding for existing supportive housing whole. Do not move backward by cutting services and forcing more than 8,300 individuals now living in supportive housing to move into nursing homes or become homeless again! Do not forfeit **\$6.5M in Medicaid Reimbursement** and **\$30,769,507 in Federal rental subsidies** per year, a **175%** return on the state's **\$21M** investment!

Because Supportive Housing Works.

- It ends the expensive cycle of homelessness.
- Helps people with mental illness, giving both independence and support.
- Helps people stay or become clean and sober.
- Allows those who are able to secure jobs and rejoin the tax rolls.
- Cost-efficiently and safely allows persons inappropriately housed in nursing homes, due to a mental illness, to live in the community.

Because Supportive Housing Costs Less than Alternatives.

Supportive housing costs the state less per person per year than IMDs, state mental health facilities, or prison.



IMDs cost over \$24,634 per person/per yearⁱ.

The average cost per prisoner per year in Illinois in 2005: \$21,622ⁱⁱ

The average cost per person/per year to in general revenue funds for supportive housing services: \$5,000.ⁱⁱⁱ

Ensure that Money Follows the Person as Institutions for Mental Diseases (IMDs) close.

- Provide adequate funding to the Illinois Department of Human Services Division of Mental Health so that they can properly assist in the process of moving persons with mental illnesses out of nursing homes.
- Ensure that the cost of a nursing home or IMD bed follows the person exiting the facility into the community, don't allow back fill into the institution which will destroy potential savings.
- Adopt the Money Follows the Person model as the way to successfully transition persons from nursing homes into the community.
- Revamp the assessment process for individuals in nursing homes and IMDs in order to screen people with mental illness into community-based options rather than into nursing homes.

ⁱ This estimate is from staff of the Illinois Dept. of Human Services, Division of Mental Health.

ⁱⁱ The Department of Corrections, 2005 data.

ⁱⁱⁱ Average per unit cost to the state for services of new supportive housing projects opening in FY 2008.