

HISTORY

The Tenancy Preservation Program (TPP) was created in 1998 by a group of housing advocates and stakeholders. This group recognized that individuals living with mental health issues were being evicted for lease violations related to their disabilities.

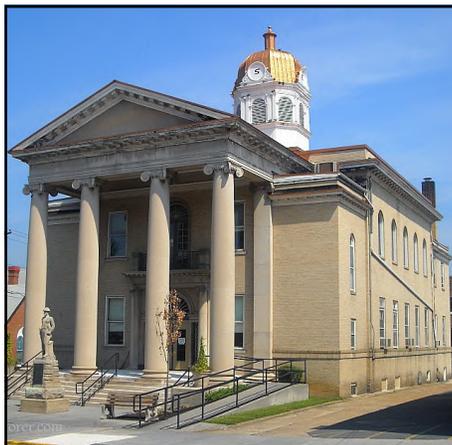
TPP is a preventative component of MHA's homeless continuum of services. This continuum includes prevention, specialty shelters, street outreach, assessment services and permanent housing.

PURPOSE

The primary goal of TPP is to preserve housing and prevent homelessness. TPP works with the tenant and the landlord to put services in place to remedy lease violations, and provides clinical expertise to the Housing Courts. TPP develops interventions, coordinates treatment and provides support to tenants. As a consultant and resource to the Housing Courts, TPP remains a neutral party in disputes between landlords and tenants.

TPP ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- ◆ TPP works with people who are at risk of eviction. The reason for eviction must be related to a disability, including:
 - Mental Illness
 - Developmental Disability
 - Intellectual Disability
 - Substance Abuse
 - Issues Related to Aging
 - Other conditions causing cognitive limitations
- ◆ Priority is always given to tenants at imminent risk of eviction.
- ◆ Tenants must have been served a Notice to Quit by the landlord.
- ◆ If there is a waiting list, tenants with subsidies will be given priority.



REFERRALS

TPP becomes involved in cases through referral from Court Housing Specialists who mediate disputes, legal services attorneys, landlords and their attorneys, housing authority representatives, mental health clinicians, service providers and Housing Court Justices.

Once eviction is no longer a concern and the tenant is connected to other services in the community, TPP will end involvement. TPP does not offer housing searches or long-term case management.

OUTCOMES

- ◆ In 85% of the TPP cases, homelessness is prevented.
- ◆ The prevention of homelessness affords an individual autonomy and dignity.
- ◆ The program saves significant homelessness costs related to hospitalization, local and state criminal justice involvement and other community services.

SERVICE AREA

TPP serves Hampden, Hampshire and Franklin Counties.

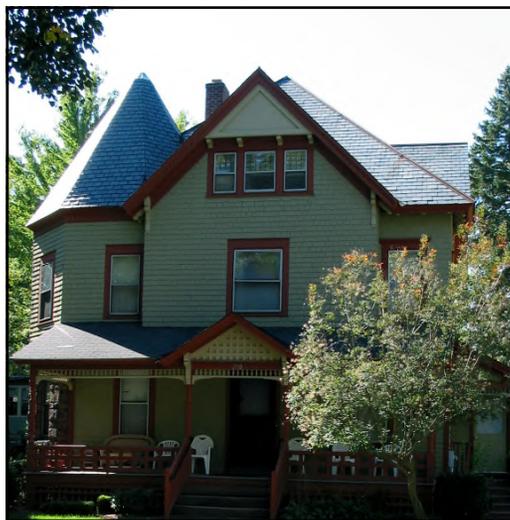
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Tenancy Preservation Program

The Mental Health Association, Inc. (MHA) is a private nonprofit organization originally incorporated in 1960 to provide advocacy for patients at the Northampton State Hospital. Throughout the transition to community living in the 1970's MHA has been and continues to be a leader in creating and expanding quality housing and support options for people impacted by mental illness, developmental disabilities and other challenges.

MHA is dedicated to providing individualized and flexible residential and support services that promote independence, community engagement and wellness for those we serve.