



Finding Housing for Clients with Disabilities

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Agenda

- Welcome
- Overview of DMC Housing Services
- Tenant Rights, Self-Advocacy Training & Peer Support
- Home Modification Services in Orange County
- QA & Closing Remarks

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Dayle McIntosh Speaker Introductions

- Erin Woodmas, South County Program Manager
- Socorro Arroyo-Merchain, Housing Program Manager
- Judy Gonzalez, Housing Coordinator
- David Starks, Assistive Technology Coordinators

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DMC Housing Service

1. Emergency Housing Assistance
2. Peer Support
3. Work with community partners/Committees to find solutions to accessibility issues as well as affordable issues in regards to housing in Orange County

DMC Emergency Housing Assistance

- Situation has been deemed an emergency.
- Sustainability
- Documentation required

**Due to limited availability of funds, DMC does not pay for deposits, utilities, or moving expenses. Assistance is limited to the equivalent of 30 day's stay, or one month's rent.



Tenant Rights, Self-Advocacy Training & Peer Support

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Accessibility Standards for Fair Housing

- Accessible building entrance on an accessible route
- Accessible common and public use areas
- Usable doors (usable by a person in a wheelchair)
- Accessible route into and through the dwelling unit
- Light switches, electrical outlets, thermostats and other environmental controls in accessible locations
- Reinforced walls for grab bars
- Usable kitchens and bathrooms.

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Tools for Housing Self-Advocacy

- Avoid conflict without departing from your cause with these three actions...
 - Organization
 - Documentation
 - Research

Peer Support

- One-on-one peer support with every consumer who walks in requesting information and/or rental assistance.
 - Please see Advocacy...
- Financial Literacy Workshops
 - As a condition of our contract with United Way we must host 4 Financial Literacy Workshops a year
 - The 2012 schedule is currently being determined
 - We will send out a notice as soon as these dates are established

Home Modification Services in Orange County

David Starks
Assistive Technology Coordinator
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Types of Home Modifications

- Must match disability needs
- Severe or mild disability
- Today's discussion will cover
 - Physical
 - Aural

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Modifications for Physical

- Most common for wheelchair users
 - Entry ramps
 - Shower modifications
 - Lowered cabinets & sink

Ramps



- Portable 6' ramp
temporary \$299.99

- Vertical Wheelchair Lift
Semi permanent
\$3849.99



Shower Modifications

- Plastic Swivel Chair - \$59.99



- Roll in Shower Custom Made - \$5000 and up



- Shower Head - \$49.99



Funding for Large Modifications/Projects

- HUD (Cities and/or Urban Areas)
 - *Housing and Urban Development*
- CDBG (Cities and/or Urban Areas)
 - *Community Development Block Grant*
- USDA (Rural Areas)
 - *United States Department of Agriculture*
 - <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/home.html>

Modifications for Hearing

- Visual vs. Aural
- Most Common
 - Lighted Phone Ringer
 - Vibrating timer for Cooking
 - Bed Shaker Alarm Clock
 - Flashing light Door Bell
 - Prices from \$25.00 to \$250.00

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Hearing Products



- Vibrating Alarm \$19.95

- Lighted Phone Ringer Free from CTAP



- Whole House Visual Alert System \$250

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Funding for Small Projects

- CTAP (California Telephone Access Program)
- Private Insurance
- Department of Rehabilitation
- Rebuilding Together <http://rebuildingtogether.org/>
- Retired Club 108 of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters

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Questions



Closing

- Complete Evaluations
- Next session
 - Multiple Senior Services Program (MSSP)
 - May 29
- Thank you