

THE WILSON STREET PROGRAM

DESCRIPTION:

Wilson Street is a 7-bed residential treatment facility located at 15 Wilson Street in South Portland. It is designed to provide a safe and very supportive home-like environment for individuals who have serious mental illness and special physical or cognitive disabilities. To qualify for this program, applicants must meet Federal income guidelines and have a diagnosis of a major mental health disability.

Through residential services, these individuals are provided with an ongoing opportunity to integrate into the community as their skill level and comfort allows. The program design includes some in-house services, which will provide the daily structure for residents. These will be individualized for each person depending upon his or her needs. The general approach is client centered with an effort to involve the resident as much as possible in the development and successful attainment of goals. The activities are geared to offer the individuals and group the opportunity to improve daily and community living skills and to broaden their life experiences. Use of outside community resources are encouraged as appropriate to the individual. Whenever possible residents will be assisted in moving toward housing that is more independent.

Wilson Street is a one-story residence, which is completely handicap accessible. There are 6 single rooms with a living room, communal kitchen and dining area and a screened porch which clients may smoke on.

STAFFING:

Staff consists of 1 Program Coordinator 5 Residential Support Workers, 2 Independent Living Skills Specialists, 2 Residential Counselors 1 part-time Community Integration Specialist, It is the most highly staffed residential option operated by Shalom House, Inc.

RENTS AND FEES:

Tenants pay \$425 per month for rent. A security deposit of one month's rent is required.

REFERRAL PROCESS:

Referral to this program is made through the Intake and Referral Coordinator at 207-874-1080.

FUNDING:

Funding is provided through the Maine Department of Health and Human Services, MaineCare, and tenant rents.