

## **HOUSING SUBSIDY SERVICES**

### **DESCRIPTION:**

Shalom House, Inc. administers housing subsidies for the Maine Department of Health and Human Services. Shalom House, Inc. is the local administrator of these programs and administers statewide to other local agencies.

**BRIDGING RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (BRAP)** is a housing program developed and funded by BDS. This program assists low-income persons who have psychiatric disabilities. Participants in this program live in apartments of their choice in the community and pay 51% of their income for rent. BRAP subsidizes the remaining portion of the rent.

**SHELTER+CARE** is a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funded rental subsidy program for homeless individuals with certain major disabilities. Tenants pay 30% of their adjusted gross income toward their rent in a room or apartment of their choice in the community. Most tenants also receive support services from local provider agencies.

### **STAFFING:**

These programs are administered by Shalom House's Housing Department. There are Housing Specialists who assist clients in obtaining and maintaining their subsidies.

### **REFERRAL PROCESS:**

Consumers interested in either of these subsidies should contact their service provider, case manager, or community support worker who can submit an application on their behalf. Providers can obtain applications for both programs through the Shalom House Intake Coordinator at 874-1080.