



# Housing for People with Disabilities

Accessible housing options for those living with disability can be challenging in many locations. According to the report *Priced Out*, in 220 housing markets across 40 states one-bedroom rents exceeded 100% of monthly SSI payments in 2016. Millions of adults with disabilities living solely on Supplemental Security Income (SSI) found that renting even a modest unit in their community would require nearly all of their monthly income. In hundreds of higher-cost housing markets, the average rent for such basic units is actually much greater than the entirety of an SSI monthly payment. There are some nationwide and community-based organizations which people can turn to for assistance and support with housing. These resources include the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as well as your state and local housing authority. HUD has the primary responsibility for enforcing the Fair Housing Act.

## **Technical Assistance Collaborative (TAC): Priced Out in the United States**

Source: <http://www.tacinc.org/knowledge-resources/priced-out-v2/>

### **Government Websites**

#### **Administration for Community Living: Housing and Services Resource Center**

<https://acl.gov/HousingAndServices>

Developed as a partnership between the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Housing and Services Resource Center provides information and tools to assist people who work in the housing field make community living possible.

#### **Habitat for Humanity International**

<https://www.habitat.org/>

Phone: 229-924-6935

Toll-free: 1-800-HABITAT (1-800-422-4828)

Habitat for Humanity partners with families to enable them to build their own homes alongside their volunteers. In response to the ever-growing need for shelter in your community and around the world, Habitat works in many ways: new construction, repairs to existing homes, small loans for incremental building and home

improvements, help establishing title and ownership to land, advocacy for better laws and systems, disaster prevention and recovery, and more.

**U.S. Department of Justice: Fair Housing**

<http://www.usdoj.gov/crt/housing/fairhousing/>

**U.S. Department of Justice: Fair Housing Act**

<https://www.justice.gov/crt/fair-housing-act-2>

**U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)**

[www.hud.gov](http://www.hud.gov)

**HUD: Approved Housing Counseling Agencies**

<https://apps.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/hcc/hcs.cfm>

HUD sponsors housing counseling agencies throughout the country that can provide advice on buying a home, renting, defaults, foreclosures, and credit issues.

**HUD: Certain Development Voucher Program**

[https://www.hud.gov/program\\_offices/public\\_indian\\_housing/programs/hcv/pwd/certain](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/public_indian_housing/programs/hcv/pwd/certain)

**HUD: Disability Rights in Housing**

[https://www.hud.gov/program\\_offices/fair\\_housing\\_equal\\_opp/disabilities/inhousing](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/fair_housing_equal_opp/disabilities/inhousing)

**HUD: Fair Housing—It's Your Right**

[http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program\\_offices/fair\\_housing\\_equal\\_opp/FHLaws/yourrights](http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/fair_housing_equal_opp/FHLaws/yourrights)

**HUD: Local Office Directory and Field Offices**

[https://www.hud.gov/program\\_offices/field\\_policy\\_mgt/localoffices](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/field_policy_mgt/localoffices)

HUD is organized in 10 Regions

**HUD: Local Public Housing Agency (PHA)**

[https://www.hud.gov/program\\_offices/public\\_indian\\_housing/pha/contacts](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/public_indian_housing/pha/contacts)

If you need public housing assistance or would like specific information about public housing programs such as housing choice vouchers ([https://www.hud.gov/program\\_offices/public\\_indian\\_housing/programs/ph](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/public_indian_housing/programs/ph)),

please contact your local Public Housing Agency. ([https://www.hud.gov/program\\_offices/public\\_indian\\_housing/programs/hcv](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/public_indian_housing/programs/hcv))

**HUD: Reasonable Accommodations and Modifications**

[https://www.hud.gov/program\\_offices/fair\\_housing\\_equal\\_opp/reasonable\\_accommodations\\_and\\_modifications](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/fair_housing_equal_opp/reasonable_accommodations_and_modifications)

**U.S. Department of the Treasury: Making Home Affordable: Home Affordable Modification Program (HAMP)**

<https://www.treasury.gov/initiatives/financial-stability/TARP-Programs/housing/mha/Pages/hamp.aspx>

The largest program within MHA is the Home Affordable Modification Program (HAMP). HAMP's goal is to offer homeowners who are at risk of foreclosure reduced monthly mortgage payments that are affordable and sustainable over the long-term.

## Organization Websites

### **Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities Housing Task Force**

[http://www.c-c-d.org/rubriques.php?rub=taskforce.php&id\\_task=8](http://www.c-c-d.org/rubriques.php?rub=taskforce.php&id_task=8)

### **Fair Housing Resource Center Inc.**

<http://www.fhrc.org/About-Us.html>

1100 Mentor St Ave.

Painesville OH 44077

Phone: 440-392-0147

This non-profit organization offers residents of Lake, Geauga and Ashtabula counties (in Ohio) several housing programs.

### **National Low Income Housing Coalition**

<http://nlihc.org/>

1000 Vermont Ave NW, Suite 500

Washington, DC 20005

Phone: 202-662-1530

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<http://www.tacinc.org/knowledge-resources/priced-out-v2/>

The *Priced Out* report, co-authored by TAC and the Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities Housing Task Force, documents the nationwide housing affordability crisis experienced by people with disabilities. The full report can be downloaded from this website.

Please see the Reeve Foundation's fact sheet on Home Modifications if you are interested in modifying a home.

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