

# Housing Recommendations

Olmstead Plan

# Fair Housing

Lead: Denver Metro Fair Housing Center, Olmstead Housing Coalition, Division of Housing

- Work with the Olmstead Housing Coalition to develop messaging and dissemination strategies related to the Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) program.
- Develop marketing material and provide technical assistance on how housing providers can ensure compliance with the Fair Housing Act.
- Market materials to consumers and advocacy groups to promote the objectives of the AFFH and provide easy access to a site where a fair housing complaint can be filed.



# Information About Housing Resources

Lead: Division of Housing

- In the short term, develop and deploy a basic searchable web application to provide access to housing resources.
- Over the long term, move data into the ColoradoHousingSearch.com to become a permanent platform for housing related data.
- Use data from the online system to assess the availability and types of housing options available to determine gaps and needs.



# Develop a Common Housing Application

Lead: Olmstead Housing Coalition, Division of Housing

- Finalize the common housing application form with input from a broad-based group of local PHAs.
- Market use of the common application to PHAs in order to increase its adoptions across the state.
- Develop a plan to encourage landlord adoption.



# Work With Public Housing Authorities to Adopt Preferences for individuals with disabilities.

Lead: Olmstead Housing Coalition

- Identify the specific preferences that might be adopted by PHAs.
- Assess the number and types of preferences currently adopted across all PHAs in the state to set a baseline.
- Develop messaging strategies for PHAs to assist with the adoption of preferences.
- Work with allied groups and coalitions to support preference adoption efforts.



# Expand Housing Opportunities for People with Disabilities

Lead: Division of Housing, Health Care Policy and Financing

- Actively pursue opportunities to expand the number and availability of housing vouchers for Permanent Supportive Housing.
- Re-apply for the U.S. Housing and Urban Development 811 Supportive Housing for Persons with Disabilities Program to increase integrated housing options.
- Continue to explore creative funding strategies including the use of tax credits, ways to develop a pool of matching funds, coordinating preferences, adding to affordable housing availability, etc.
- Develop specific funding strategies to support home ownership opportunities.
- Explore options and develop a concept for the creation of a Housing Trust Fund.

