

## How to Create a Housing Plan

See **worksheet attachment**: How to create a housing plan – SMART goals

### Part A: Preparing for Housing Search

These first steps are the things you need to have a successful housing search:

- A source of income (Ontario Works, employment, etc.),
- Government issued identification (driver's license, OHIP card),
- Housing and credit references,
- Housing needs and preferences,
- And knowledge of the tenant rights you will have depending on the unit you choose.

### Part B: Searching for Housing

- Find vacancies that match your budget and needs.
- Contact landlords to view available units.

### Part C: Securing Housing and Making It A Home

These last 4 steps will finalize the lease and allow you to move in!

- Signing the lease to confirm you are going to be renting the unit.
- Paying first and last month's rent.
- Set up your utilities account with the new address.
- Move in and set up your home!

### Your OW/ODSP Worker can Help You in Your Housing Journey

If you are connected to a worker with ODSP or OW, they can help you take the first steps toward finding new housing. They will start a financial discussion with you to help you figure out your budget, support you in finding employment, or connect you to a [Housing Outreach Caseworker](#) near you.

