# Explaining Housing Support (GRH) at Assessment

Housing Support is a program that helps people pay rent and provides housing support services and housing advocacy as an attached / on-going service. People can stay on the program for as long as they are eligible, so it is a form of permanent housing.

The gist: Housing Support is a great program for people with no income and low income.

## How does Housing Support impact someone on SSI?

A client on SSI would pay all of their income except for $102. But remind the client how tight the rental market is, and how unlikely it would be for them to find an apartment for $650 on their own, and pay utilities.

## How does Housing Support impact someone who’s working?

In general, most working clients get to keep more than half of their earned income.

## Why should someone say yes to Housing Support?

In general, people can expect to have a program offered much more quickly if they are willing to take Housing Support.

**Only 15% of all vacancies are for 30% of income vouchers**. Housing Support programs make up **47%** of all vacancies. If a person says no to HSP, they cut their options in half.

Remind people that they don’t have to stay on Housing Support forever. They can get on all the Section 8 and other public housing waiting lists while they are on Housing Support.