

# TRANSITIONAL & INDEPENDENT LIVING HOUSING PROGRAM



**DOUBLE BLESSINGS HOUSING  
& SUPPORT SERVICES**

**A STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE  
TO BUILDING SAFE,  
STRUCTURED HOUSING  
THAT CHANGES LIVES.**



**WELCOME, AND THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE  
TIME TO INVEST IN YOUR VISION.**

**MY NAME IS [YOUR NAME], AND I AM THE  
FOUNDER OF DOUBLE BLESSINGS HOUSING &  
SUPPORT SERVICES. THIS GUIDE WAS CREATED  
NOT JUST FROM RESEARCH—BUT FROM REAL  
EXPERIENCE BUILDING A HOUSING PROGRAM  
DESIGNED TO SUPPORT INDIVIDUALS AND  
FAMILIES IN NEED OF STABILITY, STRUCTURE,  
AND A FRESH START.**

**THIS EBOOK IS FOR ANYONE WHO FEELS CALLED  
TO CREATE SAFE SPACES, HELP OTHERS  
TRANSITION INTO INDEPENDENCE, AND BUILD  
SOMETHING MEANINGFUL WHILE ALSO  
CREATING A SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS.**

**IF THAT'S YOU—YOU'RE IN THE RIGHT PLACE.**

**TRANSITIONAL HOUSING IS A STRUCTURED, TEMPORARY HOUSING SOLUTION DESIGNED TO HELP INDIVIDUALS MOVE FROM INSTABILITY TO INDEPENDENCE.**

**THIS TYPE OF PROGRAM OFTEN SERVES:**

- **SINGLE MOTHERS AND FAMILIES**
- **INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS**
- **YOUNG ADULTS AGING OUT OF FOSTER CARE**
- **INDIVIDUALS REENTERING SOCIETY**

**INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAMS FOCUS ON HELPING CLIENTS MAINTAIN STABILITY WHILE LIVING WITH MORE AUTONOMY, OFTEN WITH CONTINUED SUPPORT AND ACCOUNTABILITY.**

## **NONPROFIT:**

- **ELIGIBLE FOR GRANTS AND DONATIONS**
- **MISSION-DRIVEN**
- **REQUIRES A BOARD AND COMPLIANCE**

## **FOR-PROFIT:**

- **MORE CONTROL**
- **FASTER STARTUP**
- **REVENUE-DRIVEN MODEL**

**MANY SUCCESSFUL PROGRAMS START AS FOR-PROFIT HOUSING PROVIDERS AND LATER EXPAND INTO NONPROFIT SERVICES.**

**CHOOSE THE STRUCTURE THAT ALIGNS WITH YOUR VISION, FUNDING STRATEGY, AND LONG-TERM GOALS.**



**TO OPERATE LEGALLY, YOU MUST:  
REGISTER YOUR BUSINESS NAME  
APPLY FOR AN EIN (EMPLOYER  
IDENTIFICATION NUMBER)  
CHOOSE YOUR STRUCTURE (LLC OR  
NONPROFIT)  
FILE FOR 501(C)(3) STATUS (IF NONPROFIT)**

**YOU MAY ALSO NEED:  
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSES  
ZONING APPROVAL (DEPENDING ON YOUR  
AREA)**

**ALWAYS CHECK YOUR STATE AND LOCAL  
REQUIREMENTS BEFORE LAUNCHING.**



**A SUCCESSFUL HOUSING PROGRAM IS BUILT ON  
STRUCTURE.**



**YOUR PROGRAM SHOULD INCLUDE:**

- **INTAKE PROCESS**
- **HOW CLIENTS APPLY AND GET APPROVED**
- **WAITLIST SYSTEM**
- **HOW YOU MANAGE DEMAND**
- **LENGTH OF STAY**
- **EXAMPLE: 3-12 MONTHS**
- **HOUSE RULES**
- **CURFEW, CLEANLINESS, BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS**
- **SUPPORT SYSTEM**
- **CASE WORKERS, CHECK-INS, ACCOUNTABILITY**

**STRUCTURE CREATES STABILITY—AND STABILITY  
CREATES SUCCESS.**





**YOUR HOUSING PROGRAM DEPENDS ON THE RIGHT PROPERTY.**

**LOOK FOR:**  
**MULTI-BEDROOM HOMES (3-5 BEDROOMS IDEAL)**  
**SAFE, ACCESSIBLE NEIGHBORHOODS**  
**PROPERTIES WITH ENOUGH SPACE FOR SHARED LIVING**

**HOW TO APPROACH LANDLORDS:**  
**INTRODUCE YOUR PROGRAM PROFESSIONALLY AND**  
**CLEARLY EXPLAIN:**  
**WHO YOU SERVE**  
**HOW RENT IS PAID**  
**HOW THE PROPERTY IS MAINTAINED**

**FOCUS ON BUILDING LONG-TERM RELATIONSHIPS WITH**  
**LANDLORDS WHO ARE OPEN TO YOUR MISSION.**



## **FUNDING CAN COME FROM MULTIPLE SOURCES:**

- **DONATIONS**
- **GRANTS**
- **CLIENT PROGRAM FEES OR RENT CONTRIBUTIONS**
- **PARTNERSHIPS WITH AGENCIES**

## **YOU CAN ALSO USE PAYMENT PLATFORMS TO COLLECT:**

- **MONTHLY CONTRIBUTIONS**
- **SUPPORT DONATIONS**

**A STRONG FUNDING STRATEGY ENSURES YOUR PROGRAM CAN GROW AND REMAIN STABLE.**



**CLIENTS WILL COME THROUGH RELATIONSHIPS AND VISIBILITY.**

**BUILD CONNECTIONS WITH:**

- **CASE WORKERS**
- **HOSPITALS**
- **SHELTERS**
- **COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS**

**ALSO USE:**

- **SOCIAL MEDIA**
- **A PROFESSIONAL WEBSITE**
- **INTAKE FORMS**

**THE MORE VISIBLE AND PROFESSIONAL YOU ARE, THE MORE REFERRALS YOU WILL RECEIVE.**



**EVERY PROGRAM MUST HAVE CLEAR  
POLICIES IN PLACE.**

**INCLUDE:**

- **HOUSE RULES**
- **CURFEW EXPECTATIONS**
- **VISITOR POLICIES**
- **CONFLICT RESOLUTION**
- **TERMINATION GUIDELINES**

**POLICIES PROTECT BOTH YOUR  
CLIENTS AND YOUR BUSINESS.**



# **BEFORE ACCEPTING YOUR FIRST CLIENT:**

- **SECURE YOUR PROPERTY**
- **SET UP YOUR POLICIES**
- **CREATE YOUR INTAKE PROCESS**
- **BUILD REFERRAL CONNECTIONS**

**START SMALL AND GROW AS YOU GAIN EXPERIENCE.**

**YOUR FIRST CLIENT IS THE BEGINNING OF YOUR IMPACT.**



**ONCE YOUR PROGRAM IS STABLE,  
YOU CAN EXPAND BY:**

- **ADDING MORE PROPERTIES**
- **HIRING STAFF**
- **PARTNERING WITH MORE ORGANIZATIONS**

**GROWTH SHOULD BE  
INTENTIONAL, STRUCTURED, AND  
SUSTAINABLE.**



**STARTING A HOUSING PROGRAM IS MORE  
THAN A BUSINESS—IT'S A MISSION.**

**YOU ARE CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR  
PEOPLE TO REBUILD THEIR LIVES, REGAIN  
STABILITY, AND STEP INTO A BETTER  
FUTURE.**

**STAY COMMITTED. STAY CONSISTENT. AND  
REMEMBER—WHAT YOU ARE BUILDING  
TRULY MATTERS.**



- **REGISTER BUSINESS**
- **APPLY FOR EIN**
- **SECURE PROPERTY**
- **CREATE POLICIES**
- **BUILD INTAKE SYSTEM**



**HI, MY NAME IS [NAME], AND I RUN A HOUSING PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES STRUCTURED LIVING FOR INDIVIDUALS TRANSITIONING INTO STABLE HOUSING. WE'RE LOOKING FOR LONG-TERM RENTAL PARTNERSHIPS AND ENSURE CONSISTENT RENT PAYMENTS AND PROPERTY UPKEEP.**



- **NAME**
- **CURRENT SITUATION**
- **EMPLOYMENT STATUS**
- **REASON FOR HOUSING**
- **SUPPORT NEEDS**



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