

Priced Out in Massachusetts

I am a person with a disability



It's no wonder that there are...



My only income is **\$835** per month from Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

There are **116,928** people like me in Massachusetts

The average monthly rent for a basic one-bedroom apartment is **\$1,007**

That is **121%** of my monthly income

I have **no** money left for food, transportation, clothing, and other things I need

6,788 homeless individuals living in shelters on any single night

Too many people are stuck in expensive institutions at a cost of **\$59 - \$678** per person per day

The system is broken

This is not affordable

See *Priced Out 2014* at www.tacinc.org to learn more about these alarming statistics

How can we fix it?

The shortage of affordable housing, including permanent supportive housing (PSH), is the primary barrier to helping people with disabilities move from expensive institutions to the community and to ending homelessness. As documented in the forthcoming *Priced Out in 2014*, communities across the country face the same crisis.

What can we do to end homelessness and provide people with disabilities opportunities to live integrated in their community?

At the State and Local level, use *Priced Out* data to:

- Work with your state to apply for Section 811 Project Rental Assistance (PRA) funds;
- Advocate that National Housing Trust Fund funds be targeted to extremely low income (ELI) people with disabilities;
- Inform plans to end homelessness through Continuums of Care;
- Advocate for voucher and public housing preferences for people with disabilities in Public Housing Authority Plans;
- Advocate for targeting ELI people with disabilities in the state's Qualified Allocation Plan; and
- Demonstrate the need for housing for people with disabilities in state and local Consolidated Plans.

At the National Level, use *Priced Out* data to:

- Support efforts to fund the Section 811 PRA Program in every state;
- Support and protect efforts to fund the National Housing Trust Fund; and
- Support the President's Fiscal Year 2016 HUD Budget Request which restores 67,000 vouchers, provides for new funding for Section 811 PRA and increases PSH resources to end homelessness.

For more information, see *Priced Out in 2014* at www.tacinc.org

In 2014, it was impossible for a single adult anywhere in the country receiving SSI to obtain decent and safe housing in the community unless they had some type of permanent rental subsidy.

What is *Priced Out*?

Produced with the Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities with the support of the Melville Charitable Trust, *Priced Out in 2014* is the 9th edition of the biennial national housing study documenting the severity of the housing affordability crisis experienced by the lowest-income people with disabilities. The Technical Assistance Collaborative, Inc. (TAC) is a national nonprofit organization that advances proven solutions to the housing and community support services needs of low-income people with disabilities and people who are homeless. This analysis is informed by data from HUD and the Social Security Administration as well as state level data reported on homelessness and institutionalization. See more at www.tacinc.org or call (617) 266-5657 ext. 119.