



2020 Housing Navigator Course

The Supportive Housing Association of NJ (SHA) is pleased to offer an exciting professional development opportunity for service leaders. Participants will receive thirty-five hours of housing navigation training over nine weeks in the spring of 2020. This Housing Navigation Course will prepare graduates to provide direct service to people with I/DD seeking supportive housing. Course content will provide an understanding of the planning process, available benefits for housing and supportive services, and various housing options. Graduates successfully completing the course will receive Housing Navigation certification from SHA.

Opportunity Available:

SHA was awarded a grant from the ***New Jersey Council on Developmental Disabilities*** to develop and provide this unique training opportunity. The training will include resources to gain a better understanding of how housing is funded, developed, and sustained. Students will learn to design housing plans based upon the preferences of the individuals, develop their social capital, maximize their assets/incomes, explore their options, and achieve their desired outcomes for supported housing. During this course of study, students will create a housing plan based upon an actual case study. At the conclusion of the course, they will be qualified to create housing opportunities for individuals and to develop agency capacity for more housing options.

The course runs nine weeks from April 24th to June 26, 2020 and will include six 90-minute webinars and four full-day, in-person sessions.

Accepted applicants will receive this training at no-cost.

Intended Participants:

Support Coordinators, support brokers, and service professionals who directly assist people with I/DD and families.

Education and Experience Requirement:

- Bachelors Degree
- A minimum of 2 years supporting individuals with I/DD

Commitment:

- Attend four in-person, all-day sessions in Trenton on May 8th, May 15th, June 12th and June 26, 2020
- Participate in six webinars on April 24th, May 1st, 22nd, 29th, June 5th and 12th.

- Complete reading and writing assignments
- After completing the course, agree to be a resource to support individuals in the development of housing plans during the next year.

How to Apply:

Submit the following in an email to apply@shanj.org.

- A completed application, saved with applicant name in filename.
- Your resume
- A recommendation letter from your manager indicating his or her support of your participation in the course is required.

How Applicants are Chosen:

Only thirty (30) applicants will be chosen by SHA to participate in this Housing Navigation Course. A certificate of completion will be issued based upon successful completion of the coursework and full participation in the training sessions. Applicants will be selected based upon experience with some attention to geographic coverage. A selection committee will review the applications and determine the best training candidates based upon the background materials provided. With the exception of geographic information, demographic data will be removed from applications for the committees review.

Applications are due March 31st. Applicants will be notified by April 10th.

Course content will include but is not limited to the following:

Overview	Personal Budgets	Planning	
Why Supported Housing is Important? How Legislation, Litigation & Sociological Trends Shape Where We are Today Person Centeredness Building Social Capital Supported Decision Making Strengthening the Circle	Public Benefits Earnings from Employment Protected Saving Funding for Supported Services Credit History Managing Money	Planning & Support Needs Tools for Planning Factors to Consider Where to Live Licensed vs Unlicensed Housing Types & Settings Models for Ownership Creating Housing Governmental Regulations Impact of State Transition Plan on Housing Development Building Affordable	Accessible Design Renting vs. Buying Finding a Home Technology Funding for Major Maintenance Funding for Supported Housing Services Housing and Human Rights Legal Issues Planning & Making the Transition Understanding Risk

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