





MISSION

to empower people to build more secure and self-sufficient lives through the provision of decent, affordable housing, essential supportive services, asset building programs, and education and employment opportunities



VISION

a city where the most at risk populations could be assured of an affordable place to live with access to health care, supportive services, transit, employment, and fresh foods; where neighborhoods welcome and plan for the inclusion of those with special needs; where parents of children with special needs could be assured that care would continue once they could no longer provide it themselves. Overall, we imagine an energy efficient city; an accessible city; a city with economically sustainable housing; a city that preserves existing affordable housing, in addition to building it.



HISTORY

Since our founding by Richard King Mellon and David Lawrence in 1957, ACTION-Housing has been a pioneer in developing housing and providing services for the most vulnerable populations in Pittsburgh and Allegheny County. ACTION-Housing has successfully developed, or helped others develop, emergency shelters, bridge and transitional housing, and permanent, affordable housing for homeless families and individuals in locations throughout Pittsburgh and Allegheny County.



TODAY

ACTION-Housing engages at-risk populations by offering a variety of housing options to build self-sufficiency and has a wide array of services available to help low- and moderate-income individuals and families. Our offerings of social services, all designed to develop the skills, behaviors, and assets necessary to create and follow life plans that lead to self-reliance, include energy-efficiency services, mortgage counseling and foreclosure prevention, pre- and post-purchase housing counseling, matched savings accounts, services for those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, accessibility programs, and social service coordination for residents. Our real estate portfolio includes 1,736 units of affordable, accessible, and supportive housing.

21 and Able

Initiative of United Way of SWPA

Addresses unmet needs of young adults with disabilities and their families

Working toward a clear “roadmap” for transition from youth-serving systems to adult system of services

21 and Able

Four Linked Focus Areas:

Employment

Housing

Policy and Advocacy

Complex Needs

Housing Connector

Partnership with Allegheny County Dept. of
Human Services (ACDHS)

Just started Year 2 of a 3-year pilot

Currently funded by two local, private funders

Continuing to work on sustainability plan

Connecting:
people to housing
and
housing to people

What “*people*”?

People with disabilities

What “*disabilities*”?

All disabilities – those easily seen and
those that are not

What “*housing*”?

Rental: affordable/subsidized and market rate

Purchase: affordable/subsidized and market rate

Why do we need the Housing Connector?

Language

Rules

Navigation

“Connect” how?

Concierge-type service

Repository of information

Innovating new housing models

Repository & Innovation

Homeownership using Section 8 vouchers

“Bump List”

Brokering moves to accessible units

Roommate matching service/program

“Suggested Donation”

Mediation fund paid for by developers