



# CONGREGATE HOUSING PROGRAM

Congregate Housing provides a shared living environment for older adults and individuals living with disabilities who may no longer feel comfortable living alone but still want to maintain their independence and privacy. This program allows residents to enjoy their own space while benefiting from social interaction, community connection, and access to supportive services.

Congregate Housing Case Managers play a key role in helping residents remain independent. They assist with the application process, connect residents to supportive services such as personal care, grocery shopping, and meal preparation, and provide referrals to additional community resources. They also act as liaisons with the Housing Authority in an effort to create a welcoming environment that fosters social activities and positive, shared living experiences.

To qualify for Congregate Housing, applicants must be age 60 or older, or an adult under 60 with a disability. They must be able to live safely without 24-hour care, and their income must meet the guidelines set by the local Housing Authority.

The cost of Congregate Housing is income-based and determined by the Housing Authority. Fees for supportive services vary depending on individual needs and eligibility for community programs.

### **How It Works**

Interested adults must apply for Congregate Housing through their local Housing Authority. Once accepted, Congregate Housing Case Managers guide residents through the process, connect them to services and resources, and foster a safe, welcoming community with opportunities for social engagement.

### **Cities and Towns We Service**

Currently GSSSI has partnerships with the East Longmeadow and Springfield Housing Authorities.

*Don't see your town? Call us today and we can connect you to the agency that serves you!*



*"I cannot express how grateful I am for the case workers and liaisons at Greater Springfield Senior Services. Living in Congregate Housing has been everything I hoped for. I have my personal space, but I can also socialize with others in the shared dining room during meals."*

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