



# Supportive Housing Discussion Group (Archived)

## Supportive v Supported

Can someone explain to me the distinction between "Supported Housing" and "Supportive Housing"? I have always understood them to be different program service models but it seems that often the terms are used interchangeably.



Question by [Ken Mack](#)

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This is the general case; Supported Housing is the name that OMH has used for decades to describe its unlicensed, scattered site stipend and services model for people with serious psychiatric disabilities. Supportive Housing is generally used to describe unlicensed congregate settings that serve a variety of people, not just those with psychiatric disabilities, who need supports to help them stay in housing. To further confuse the issue "supportive housing" was used by OMH for years to describe it's licensed scattered site apartment treatment program but we have all gotten away from that as it adds to the confusion. Hope this helps.

By [Toni Lasicki](#), about 1 year ago

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As always, you're my hero, Toni! Thanks!

By [Ken Mack](#), about 1 year ago

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