

## Consider investigating/applying for the following:

### Overview:

- “Thinking about housing”: Webinar on combining funding streams to create housing. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YXtTx6CYdr0&t=3780s>

### Housing vouchers and subsidized or affordable units: Directions are at [www.18Section8.org](http://www.18Section8.org).

- Section 8: Learn multiple ways to apply, how to stay on the lists, and what happens when you get to the top. <http://18section8.org/>
- MRVP: Check HousingWorks or the MassHousing Rental Housing List (both below) to find participating housing authorities, then submit the MRVP application, available at: <http://www.mass.gov/files/documents/2019/04/10/MRVPappform.pdf>
- AHVP: Submit the CHAMP application to a participating housing authority. The CHAMP is available at: <http://publichousingapplication.ocd.state.ma.us/>
- State elderly housing: Submit the CHAMP application to a participating housing authority. The CHAMP is available at: <http://publichousingapplication.ocd.state.ma.us/>
- HousingWorks: Search engine for affordable/subsidized housing (includes subsidized and affordable housing; it can help you find those housing authorities offering state elderly housing and MRVP): <https://www.housingworks.net>. Click on “Resources for people seeking housing.”
- MassHousing Rental Housing List: Find subsidized and affordable housing, including housing authorities offering state elderly housing, MRVP, and AHVP): <https://www.masshousing.com/en/renters/housing-list>
- Private affordable housing: 30% and 50% Area Median Income units (AMI) only require paying a percentage of income; higher percentages require a fixed rent that is less than market rate. Find units via Housing Works and the MassHousing Rental Housing List.

### Supportive services and benefits (in addition to those checked on the Turning 18 checklist):

- Food stamps:
  - SNAP: <https://www.mass.gov/snap-benefits-formerly-food-stamps>
  - Bay State CAP: <https://www.masslegalhelp.org/income-benefits/bay-state-cap>
- Personal Care Attendant: Contact a Personal Care Management Agency to apply (p. 15 of the PCA Consumer Handbook at <http://tinyurl.com/yb8wb8n2>). You can also search for PCAs at <http://www.rewardingwork.org>.
- BenePlan or Project Impact – help maximizing social security benefits:
  - <http://www.workwithoutlimits.org/benefits-counseling/services/>
  - <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/statewide-employment-services>

## ABLE account:

- ABLE account: <http://www.fidelity.com/able/attainable/overview> and <http://www.ablenrc.org>

## Skill building:

- “How do I?”: Autism Housing Pathways has compiled a list of useful links, showing techniques for performing basic living skills. Some are descriptions with pictures, others are videos. <https://autismhousingpathways.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/03-How-do-I-07-22.pdf>
- Hygiene and cleaning schedule, and how-to guide: This basic checklist, put together by AHP, can be used by individuals to maintain basic hygiene, and a clean kitchen and bath. It includes a list of basic supplies. It may be useful to individuals, families, and property managers. [http://autismhousingpathways.net/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/Cleaning\\_rubric1.pdf](http://autismhousingpathways.net/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/Cleaning_rubric1.pdf)
- Money Smart: Financial literacy curriculum created by the FDIC: <https://tinyurl.com/ycywmrnc>
- Assistive technology: <https://autismhousingpathways.org/technology/>
- Visual supports: AHP has developed visual supports for 11 basic self-care and household activities. These supports include both step-by-step written directions and picture directions. <http://autismhousingpathways.org/visual-supports/>
- A Place of My Own: This is a free, 12-15 hour online course on how to be a tenant on our site on Teachable. <https://ahphousing.teachable.com/>
- Life Skills Library: Video direction for performing basic living skills. <http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLorwR3KRzNL1xZ0b71UwHoz4De7VrNYY>
- Centers for Independent Living: May be able to assign a mentor to work on living skills. <http://www.masilc.org/membership/cils>
- Independent living skills, the horse that pulls the housing cart: Blogpost on living skills. <http://autismhousingpathways.org/independent-living-skills-the-horse-that-pulls-the-housing-cart/>
- Modified Adolescent Autonomy Checklist: A comprehensive skills assessment, modified by AHP. <https://autismhousingpathways.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/02-Modified-Adolescent-Autonomy-Checklist.pdf>
- Community-based Skills Assessment (CSA): Developing a Personalized Transition Plan!: <https://www.autismspeaks.org/family-services/community-based-skills-assessment>

## Person-centered planning/circles of support:

- Person-centered planning: An overview is at <https://cclds.org/person-centered-planning>. See our referral list for person-centered planning facilitators in Massachusetts.
- Circles of support: A good, free handbook is at <https://tinyurl.com/y3pz9626>
- One-page profiles: <http://tinyurl.com/y79eyf3e> and <http://bit.ly/2ygcdr2>
- Housing workbook for the individual: <http://autismhousingpathways.net/autism-housing-pathways-issues-housing-workbooks/>