



Education and Advocacy

FAST FACTS

Why does Pathway Homes care about advocacy?

Because we care deeply about those we serve, and the others who are waiting for help.

Did you know that, on average:

- 1 in 4 Americans will be diagnosed with mental illness in their lifetime.
- 1 in 17 will be diagnosed with a severe mental illness.
- 50% of individuals with severe mental illnesses also have a co-occurring substance use disorder.
- Individuals with mental illness are more likely to be victims rather than perpetrators of violent crime.
- Individuals with mental illness die 25 years earlier than those without.
- People can AND DO recover from mental illness.
- Permanent supportive housing is the most significant indicator for recovery.
- Lack of affordable housing is the #1 reason for homelessness.

In Virginia:

- More than 341,000 Virginia adults have had a serious mental illness during the past year.
- An estimated 77,000 Virginians (nearly 1% of total population) suffer from a mental illness and do not have health care insurance.
- About 40,000 have a serious mental illness such as schizophrenia or bipolar disorder.
- Nearly six in ten adults in Virginia with a serious mental illness went without care in the past year, largely because they don't have insurance.
- The average daily cost of a stay in a state psychiatric hospital is \$835.
- The average daily cost of a person in permanent supportive housing is \$67.