

MBHP's **Specialized Intensive Programs and Services (SIPS)** team is comprised of highly experienced case management specialists. Staff work in Boston and 29 surrounding communities, offering individualized assistance to residents with complex housing barriers and service needs.

Intensive case management

Some clients come to MBHP with needs that require intensive levels of support. The personalized focus is pivotal in engaging clients and stabilizing them in their homes and communities.

SIPS staff helps participants navigate service systems to gain services such as:

- Mental health and medical assistance.
- Substance abuse resources.
- Entitlement benefits.
- Practical hands-on help with daily living skills.
- Financial and legal advocacy.

Housing First

Housing First is the philosophy of helping people without homes move into housing first and then, once housed, addressing service needs. MBHP's housing first initiatives pair rental assistance with ongoing case management services and are targeted to:

- Chronically homeless elders.
- Difficult-to-serve families (due to previous evictions, domestic violence issues, criminal records, etc.)
- Families who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

Housing search

Our housing search case managers work to alleviate barriers and identify all options and opportunities for safe, affordable, permanent housing. Case managers also assist throughout the application, interview, and leasing processes and assist new tenants with obtaining furniture, furnishings, and other essential resources to create a home.

Hoarding and Sanitation Initiative

MBHP helps tenants avoid eviction or loss of housing subsidy due to sanitation issues. Working hands-on with clients, we bring apartments into health and safety compliance, teach skills to maintain compliance, and support tenants in obtaining mental health services to ensure sustained behavioral change.

Home & Healthy for Good

Home & Healthy for Good is a statewide initiative providing housing, support services, and advocacy for individuals experiencing chronic homelessness.

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SIPS by the numbers (FY15)

- Provided case management and advocacy to **202** people needing more intensive levels of support.
- Of these, **170** remained housed or were successfully rehoused following eviction.

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Metropolitan Boston Housing Partnership (MBHP) is a leading nonprofit dedicated to connecting the residents of Greater Boston with safe, decent homes they can afford. MBHP empowers families and individuals to move along the continuum from homelessness to housing stability. Serving more than 20,000 households annually, we work seamlessly to bridge the gaps among government, nonprofits, and corporations to continually increase our impact. With more than 30 years' experience piloting and implementing housing programs, we have solidified our position as an industry-leading expert on navigating the affordable housing field.