

# APS HOME SAFE

## PREVENTING OLDER ADULT HOMELESSNESS

\*FACT SHEET\*

### WHAT IS HOME SAFE?

The Home Safe Program, administered by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS), provides critical support to help prevent homelessness among vulnerable adults. It offers services such as intensive housing case management, eviction prevention, and housing stabilization. The program serves individuals at risk of or experiencing homelessness who are identified through Adult Protective Services (APS), as well as older and dependent adults recognized by a Tribe or Tribal grantee due to potential abuse, neglect, or self-neglect.

**APS Home Safe funding is running out. Six counties' programs have closed; others are winding down.**

### IMPACT

- **Stable Housing Success:** 62% of Home Safe participants exited to permanent housing in FY 2023-24.
- **Long-Term Stability:** 76% of participants retained their housing six months after leaving the program.
- **Meeting Critical Needs:** Home Safe served 40% of the APS population with identified housing needs (FY 2022-23).
- **Significant Growth:** Expanded from 25 counties in FY 2019-20 to 58 counties and 23 tribes in FY 2023-24, reflecting increasing demand.



### MPA ALIGNMENT

California's Master Plan for Aging Goal 1 Initiative 6 states, "Continue to help older adults and people with disabilities obtain housing stability through the Home Safe Program and the Housing and Disability Advocacy Program (HDAP)."

### SERVICES

- Individualized case management
- Housing stabilization
- Landlord mediation/advocacy
- Income stabilization
- Relocation/housing placement
- Housing/relocation-related financial assistance

### ABOUT US

We are a **statewide collaborative stakeholder group** advancing joint advocacy efforts with key partners to secure future Home Safe funding.

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## APS PARTICIPANT STORIES

SUCCESS STORIES!

### MR. B

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Mr. B, was referred to the Home Safe program in Santa Clara County after the death of his roommate left him unable to afford rent. He also needed a caregiver but struggled to find one. The Home Safe case manager and SVILC staff found a live-in caregiver who could also share rent and utilities for a more sustainable living arrangement. SVILC also covered two months of back rent, easing Mr. B's financial burden.

### CAROL

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Carol, 74, was facing an eviction notice, declining health, and financial burdens when she enrolled in JFSLA's Home Safe Program. Carol struggles with Hoarding Disorder and has a recent cancer diagnosis. Her case manager helped Carol find an affordable unit and provided continuous support by arranging moving services and helping Carol secure necessary household items. She also coordinated care through multiple government and health benefits and other community resources to support Carol. Carol is now settled in a clean, stable, and affordable housing unit in Los Angeles.

### JACK & MARTHA

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Jack, 75, and wife Martha, 82, were referred to the local Home Safe program by APS after falling behind on rent and facing eviction. Martha was Jack's IHSS caregiver, but her cognitive impairments left her struggling to submit her IHSS hours and manage their finances. A Home Safe case manager helped them apply for rental assistance, locate uncashed checks and lost bank accounts, and find legal aid to successfully prevent eviction and eliminate their debt. With ongoing financial support from another agency, they regained stability and remain housed.

### ELLEN

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Ellen, an older disabled person, was living in her car in Marin County. She had secured a new apartment, but couldn't move in for a month. Diabetic and insulin-dependent, she had no way to refrigerate her insulin. After a frantic call from her out-of-state daughter, Home Safe placed Ellen in a motel until her new unit was ready, and helped her move by setting up utilities and furniture delivery. Ellen is now in stable, affordable housing in a supportive, multi-generational community.