



# OCAlliance for Just Change: One Size Does Not Fit All

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# WISEPlace MISSION

WISEPlace Saves Lives!  
We Inspire, Support  
and Empower Women  
to Become Positive  
Contributors to the  
Community.

WISEPlace Tagline: A  
Community of Housing  
and Hope for Women

# About WISEPlace

- Has Provided Shelter and Services for Unaccompanied Women for 31 Years
- Has Housed and Rehabilitated over 7,600 Women Since 1987
- Houses about 90-100 Women Each Year from all over OC
- Is the Only OC Program that Solely Addresses the Needs of Unaccompanied Women
- *Plays the Unique Role of Rehabilitating Women Who Have Children So They Can Be Reunited with Their Children*

# Where Is WISEPlace in the Continuum of Care in Orange County?

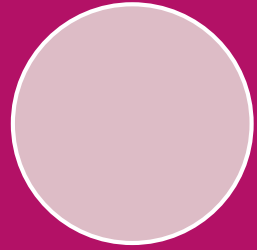
**WISEPlace Provides  
TRANSITIONAL HOUSING  
for Unaccompanied  
Women**

- Women who don't have young children
- Do not have the necessary combination of length of homelessness and a qualifying condition for eligibility for Permanent Supportive Housing
- Have not been rapidly rehoused when they lost their housing
- Are actively addressing any addictions they might have
- **Want** the tools they will need to become self-sufficient
- **i.e. Those who fall through the cracks in the continuum of care!**

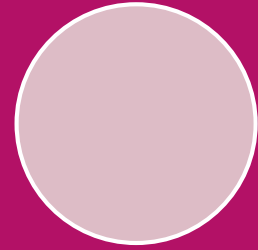
# Steps To Independence Program



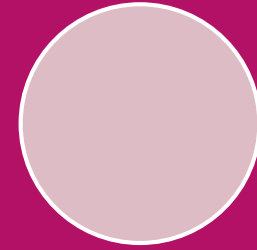
For Unaccompanied Women with the Capacity to Become Self-Sufficient



Stop-Gap Housing and Services that Provide Tools for Self-Sufficiency



Trauma-informed Care for the Most Vulnerable Homeless Population—Unaccompanied Women



**The 1 in 4** Homeless Adults Who are Unaccompanied Homeless Women



# STEPS PROGRAM TARGET POPULATIONS



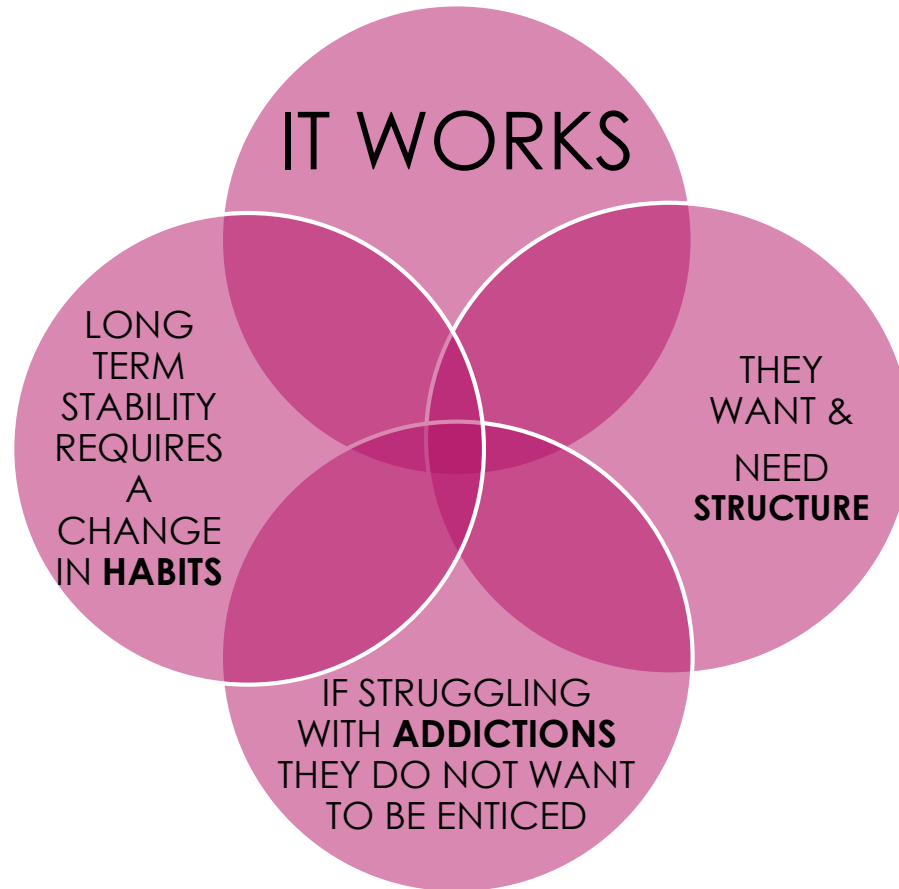
- Senior Women Victims of Elder Abuse
- **Domestic and Sexual Violence Victims**
- Human Trafficking Victims
- Those Recovering from Drug or Alcohol Abuse
- Those with Moderate Mental Health Issues
- Transition Age Youth emerging from Foster Care System
- Those with Developmental Disabilities
- Female Veterans
- College Students
- **Those Who Have Suffered a Catastrophic Financial Reversal**

# STEPS PROGRAM COMPONENTS

- ▶ **Safe and Affordable Housing (\$75/week)**
- ▶ **Case Management**
- ▶ **Financial Empowerment**
- ▶ **Employment Assistance**
- ▶ **Housing Placement Assistance**
- ▶ **Community Health Referrals**
- ▶ **Computer Training**
- ▶ **Clothing**
- ▶ **Meals**
- ▶ **Transportation**
- ▶ **Psychological Counseling**
- ▶ **Life-Skills Training**

**Our Secret Ingredient:  
Loving Support, and Walking  
With Them on Their Journey  
While Cheering Them On.**

# WHY A PROGRAM WITH BARRIERS?





## STEPS PROGRAM GOAL

**END HOMELESSNESS and HELPLESSNESS  
for THE WOMEN WHO COME THROUGH  
OUR PROGRAM and THEIR FAMILIES!**

# WHAT ELSE IS WISEPlace DOING?

Opening a temporary emergency shelter for women displaced from the Flood Control Channel (River Bed)—A **SAFEPlace** for Women

Launching a Capital Campaign to build permanent (supportive) housing for women

Becoming the place in Orange County where disenfranchised women get their life back and keep it. The place where (formerly) homeless women **BELONG**



THANK YOU!

Together We Will Make A Difference!