

## Who is Eligible?



✓ Residents of Barnstable, Bristol, Norfolk, and Plymouth Counties

✓ Tenant or household member must have a disability that is challenging to the tenancy

✓ Potential for eviction must be imminent

*Applicants must fit all three of the above requirements*

### Disabilities Include:

- Mental health and/or substance abuse issues
- Cognitive issues
- Physical disabilities

### Housing Types Include:

- Public or project-based housing
- Section 8 or Massachusetts Rental Voucher Program
- Housing for the elderly/disabled
- Market-rate housing

## Father Bill's & Mainspring

### mission

Father Bill's & Mainspring (FBMS) is the leading provider of services to prevent and end homelessness in Southern Massachusetts. The agency, founded in the early 1980s by a group of interfaith and community leaders, helps approximately 5,000 people annually who find themselves homeless, or at risk of homelessness, achieve self-sufficiency.

This assistance includes emergency shelter, transitional housing, and permanent supportive housing for individuals, families, and veterans. FBMS is a 501(c)(3) non-profit agency with administrative offices in Quincy and Brockton and program offices throughout Southern Massachusetts. For more information, visit [www.helpfbms.org](http://www.helpfbms.org).



## Father Bill's & MainSpring

NOBODY SHOULD BE HOMELESS

*For more information, please contact the coordinator in your area*

Brockton 508-930-5951	Norfolk County 774-257-0354
Cape & Islands 508-944-9233	Plymouth County 508-930-5667
Fall River 508-208-5906	Taunton/Attleboro 781-267-3594
New Bedford 508-942-0369	Management Office 508-944-9502

TPP accepts all referrals in both the Southeast and Metro South Regions  
[www.helpfbms.org](http://www.helpfbms.org)

## Tenancy Preservation Program

Saving Tenancies by Finding Solutions for Both Tenants and Property Owners

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### This program

*kept me in my home; the same home I have lived in for the past ten years.*

- CHRIS\*

\*name changed to protect privacy

# Why Use the Tenancy Preservation Program (TPP)

A good relationship between tenants and property owners is essential to a successful tenancy.

Tenants with disabilities present unique challenges for property owners. TPP was designed to resolve issues and preserve the tenancy. TPP is able to assist persons with disabilities to access the proper supportive services and treatments to meet their special needs.

## UPSTREAM Program

TPP has developed many partnerships with local housing authorities and property management companies to offer voluntary “Upstream” housing stabilization services to households/families who are NOT currently involved with Housing court.

TPP staff members are readily available to explore this option in your community to offer services, resources and/or consultation to eligible households who would like to participate.

**The eligibility for services is based on five criteria:**

- ✓ Intensive outreach services
- ✓ Comprehensive individual assessment
- ✓ Facilitate communication between tenants and property owners
- ✓ Keep tenants where they are already living

### Consultations

- ✓ TPP is committed to keeping all tenants housed; consultations are provided as time permits to tenants, landlords and community agencies regarding a wide variety of housing-related issues

1. the individual or family is experiencing a housing issue and/or is in violation of the lease and has been requested by management to remedy this issue
2. the individual or family has a disability that interferes with lease adherence
3. the individual or family lives in housing or has access to housing that is affordable for that person/family
4. the individual or family is willing to engage in services that address the housing issue and whenever possible increase the economic stability of the person or family
5. the individual must reside in Barnstable, Bristol, Norfolk, and Plymouth Counties

### Benefits to Property Owners

- ✓ Intensive outreach services to stabilize tenancy
- ✓ Arranging services to resolve issues
- ✓ Early intervention by TPP can avoid the cost of court eviction



### Southeast & Metro South Housing Courts

*A representative from TPP is in court on summary process eviction days in each session of the Southeast Housing Court and Metro South Housing Court. TPP works closely with the court and serves as a neutral party to assist in finding solutions that are mutually beneficial to all.*