

HUD Releases Section 811 NOFA: \$85 Million Available for New Integrated Housing for Persons with Disabilities

New Section 811 demonstration links state housing agencies with state Medicaid agencies

Washington D.C. - The Technical Assistance Collaborative (TAC) and the Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities (CCD) are pleased to announce that on May 15, 2012, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) made available \$85 million to state housing agencies to provide affordable supportive housing for extremely low-income persons with disabilities. This is the first time in the history of HUD's [Section 811 Supportive Housing for Persons with Disabilities Program](#) that funding will be offered to state housing agencies that meet new eligibility criteria, including having a partnership with a state health and human services and Medicaid agency to provide essential support and services. HUD's Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the Section 811 Project Rental Assistance Demonstration is posted on [Grants.gov](#).

"This NOFA implements innovative and important reforms to the Section 811 Program enacted by the Frank Melville Supportive Housing Investment Act of 2010", said Ann O'Hara, Associate Director of TAC. "TAC is extremely pleased to have worked with the CCD Housing Task Force to develop this systematic, highly cost-effective, and integrated approach to supportive housing." "The new and improved Section 811 program is a significant accomplishment which will improve the lives of thousands more people with the most significant and long-term disabilities," said Andrew Sperling, Co-Chair of the CCD Housing Task Force.

HUD estimates that funding from the Section 811 Project Rental Assistance (PRA) Demonstration will provide 2,800 new Section 811 units – more than three times the number of Section 811 units produced annually during recent years. The deadline for Section 811 PRA applications is July 31, 2012.

TAC also applauds the extraordinary work being done by HUD and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to expand supportive housing opportunities through Section 811 and related initiatives. "The reforms the Obama Administration has made to the Section 811 program will strengthen HUD's efforts to provide affordable, supportive housing to thousands of the most vulnerable low-income persons with disabilities," said HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan in a statement released today. "HUD and the Department of Health and Human Services are also seizing the opportunity to support innovative state-level strategies to transform and increase the availability of affordable housing, matched with needed services and supports, that will help keep people with disabilities out of institutions and integrated into the community."

TAC and CCD would also like to recognize the leadership of members of Congress that made both the Frank Melville Supportive Housing Investment Act the law of the land and this year's allocation of \$85 million for new supportive housing a reality. Senators Robert Menendez (D-NJ) and Mike Johanns (R-NE) and Representatives Chris Murphy (D-CT), Judy Biggert (R-IL) and Barney Frank (D-MA) were instrumental in securing passage of the Melville Act in 2010. Likewise, Senators Patty Murray (D-WA) and Susan Collins (R-ME) and Representatives Tom Latham (R-IA) and John Olver (D-MA) ensured that \$85 million for the PRA Demonstration

was included in HUD's FY 2012 budget. TAC and CCD salute this strong bipartisan support for expanding supportive housing opportunities and promoting community integration for non-elderly people with disabilities.

Additional details on the Section 811 PRA Demonstration NOFA will be made available by TAC within the next few days. This information, and technical assistance materials, can be found at [TAC's Section 811 website](#).