

# - Tap into New Prospects - Fact Sheet for Landlords and Realtors

People with disabilities make excellent tenants and home owners:



## 1. Responsible Renters:

Many individuals with developmental disabilities are responsible and reliable when it comes to paying rent and maintaining their living space.

## 2. Long-Term Tenancy:

They may be more likely to stay in one place for an extended period, providing landlords with stable, long-term tenants.

## 3. Adaptability:

People with disabilities often demonstrate adaptability and problem-solving skills, which can be beneficial in navigating challenges related to housing.

## 4. Support Networks:

They may have strong support networks in place, including caregivers, family members, and direct support staff who assist with daily living tasks or provide additional support as needed.

## 5. Financial Stability:

Most have steady, reliable income. Most people with developmental disabilities receive either Social Security disability benefits or SSI. These benefits aren't affected by plant closings or economic downturns, and they are adjusted annually for inflation.

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## 6. Funded Supports:

Many have state-funded supports called “waivers”. These supports usually include in-person assistance with many basic living activities including meal prep and light housekeeping. More thorough cleaning and chores can also be covered under the waivers.

## 7. Housing Counselors:

Many receiving supports from the “waivers” can get a housing counselor who can assist them with housing issues such as making sure to pay their rent on time and keeping their apartment clean. This housing counselor can serve as a liaison between the landlord and the tenant.

## 8. Respectful Communication:

Individuals with disabilities often value clear and respectful communication with landlords, fostering positive relationships and effective problem-solving.

## 9. Motivation:

Living in their own place is important to people with developmental disabilities so they will work hard to do their best to keep it. Thankfully, most have supports, as mentioned above, to help them be excellent tenants.

**Overall, people with disabilities bring diverse strengths and qualities to the rental market, making them valuable and desirable tenants for landlords!**

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