

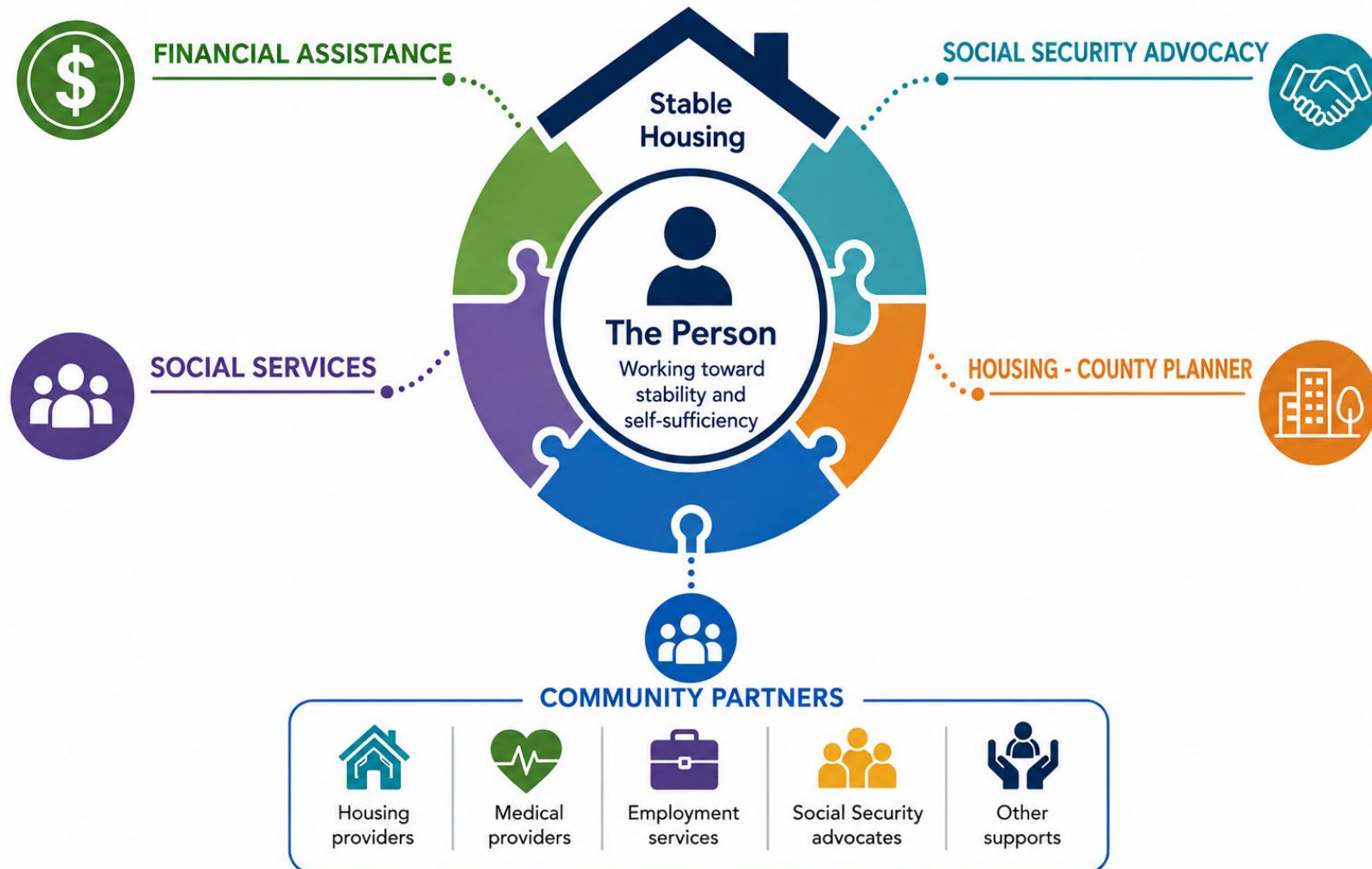


Connecting the Dots: Housing Support and Social Security Advocacy Building Cross Unit Success

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The Person Is at the Center



Housing Support Can Be the Starting Point for Identifying Needs

Stable housing alone may not resolve:

- Limited or no income
- Disability-related barriers
- Unmet medical or behavioral needs
- Benefit eligibility issues
- Transportation barriers
- Need for supportive services



Question

What other programs or services need to be connected to help this person move toward long-term stability?

Where Social Security fits



Long-term Income



Stable Housing

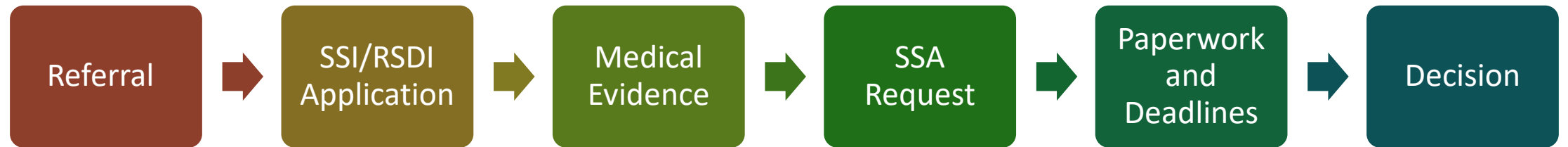


Access to other benefits and services

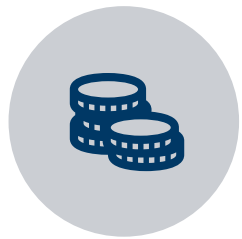


Improve overall well-being

Getting from Referral to Benefits



Different Partners Hold Different Pieces of the Picture



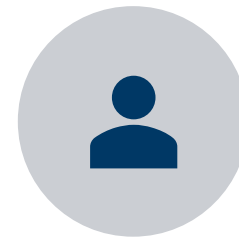
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DHS

Determining eligibility for public assistance programs

- Interview applicants.
- Explain benefits and requirements.
- Assess eligibility for programs
- Make referrals.

Social Services and Housing Support Providers

Social Services

- May know the person's functioning and daily support needs.
- Coordinates disability-related services and supports.
- May hold information that contributes to the larger stability plan.

Housing Providers

- May have regular contact with the person.
- Can recognize changes, barriers, and missed connections.
- Remind the person to complete paperwork, report changes,

Partners- Social Security Advocates

Social Security Advocates

- Connects people with disabilities to federal income benefits
- Helps navigate a complex disability process
- Provides critical support when multiple barriers overlap.

Social Security Advocacy: Turning a Screening into a Process

Implement Social Security Advocacy within your County or Tribal Nation by a Joint Powers Agreement

- Referral Services
 - Screening
 - Warm Handoff
- Representation Services
 - File application and/or appeals

Interim Assistance: The Connection

- Interim Assistance is more than a financial transaction between SSA and DHS
- It is part of the larger connection between short-term public assistance and longer-term income stability.
- Funds Social Security advocates that assist people receiving GA and Housing Support.
- Increase in reimbursements is important when cuts to state programs are at risk

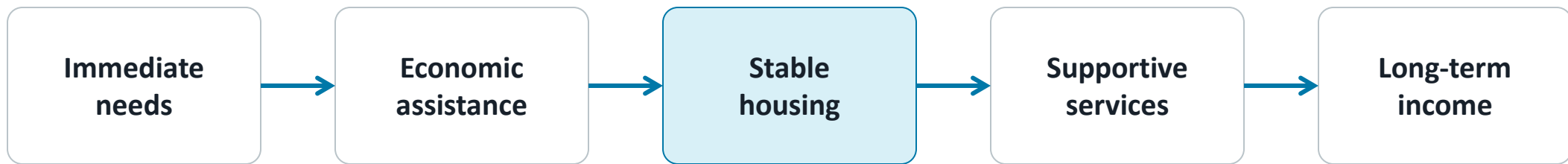
Why Collaboration Matters

Collaboration doesn't mean everyone does everything.

It means:

- We understand what others do.
- We know when and how to connect one another.
- We know how to make a warm handoff.
- We communicate when something isn't working.
- We solve recurring problems together.

A person's journey is rarely a straight path



Movement is not always sequential—several supports may be active at once.

The goal is coordinated movement toward stability.

Social Security Advocates

- [Online directory](#)

Disability Hub MN

- Phone: 1-866-333-2466
- [Public website](#)

HB101

- [Public Website](#)

HB101 Places

- [Public Website](#)

LinkVet

- Phone: 1-888-546-5838
- [Public website](#)

Social Security Administration

- Phone: 1-800-772-1213
- [Online office locator](#)
- [Online services](#)
- [my SSA Account](#)

Questions



Thank You!

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