



“Housing provides the stability for people to build their lives, but I believe it’s the services that really gives folks a chance to succeed—housing and services go hand in hand.”

- **Kyra Walker, Chief Operating Officer**
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Current Issues

- Local, state and federal housing programs: How do ordinary Mainers negotiate them all?
- Housing rules and regulations: Finding nuanced solutions within complex systems
- How “wrap around” services help people stay in their homes—and be successful in their lives
- Myths and misconceptions about affordable housing in Maine
- Affordable housing in rural vs. urban parts of the state
- Housing First
- “Inclusive housing” – How supportive housing in a “regular” neighborhood can change lives
- Senior housing – Aging in place: How can we provide a continuum of care?
- Veterans – CHOM is the largest supportive housing provider for veterans in Maine.

About Kyra Walker

Kyra Walker has more than 15 years of experience in the field of affordable housing. She has in-depth knowledge of Supportive Housing, Low Income Housing Tax Credit, Section 8, Rural Development, FedHOME, and HUD Section 811 housing programs.

As Chief Operating Officer at Community Housing of Maine, Kyra directs and participates in all facets of property management and asset management, including oversight of CHOM’s residential real estate portfolio. She has been with CHOM since 2008, helping grow its asset base by creating operating procedures to manage portfolio growth and successfully transitioning 16 properties from construction, through initial lease-up, to stabilized operations.

A graduate of the Muskie School of Public Service, Kyra is skilled at shaping and implementing state and federal policy. She leads CHOM’s local, state and federal advocacy efforts, along with CHOM’s Executive Director.

About CHOM

69 projects. 9 counties. 23 communities. 650 units of low income and special needs housing. CHOM creates, owns and maintains high-quality homes to house more than 1,000 of Maine’s most vulnerable people.

Since its inception in 1993, Community Housing of Maine (CHOM) has been one of the most creative affordable housing developers in the state. CHOM ensures its residents receive sufficient support to be successful in their homes, and advocates on behalf of all vulnerable populations on local, state and federal policy issues.