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In the areas of affordable housing, fair housing, ending homelessness, & related issues

WEBINAR LOGISTICS

- Participants are muted
- Enter your questions in the box in your webinar panel
- Handouts are available with this webinar
- Forgot to ask a question or want to ask privately?
 Email me at <u>rosado@flhousing.org</u>
- This webinar is being recorded and will be available at www.flhousing.org
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RAPID RE-HOUSING

Housing intervention designed to help individuals and families **quickly** exit homelessness and return to permanent housing.

Offered without preconditions.

Resources provided are <u>tailored</u> to the <u>needs</u> of the household.

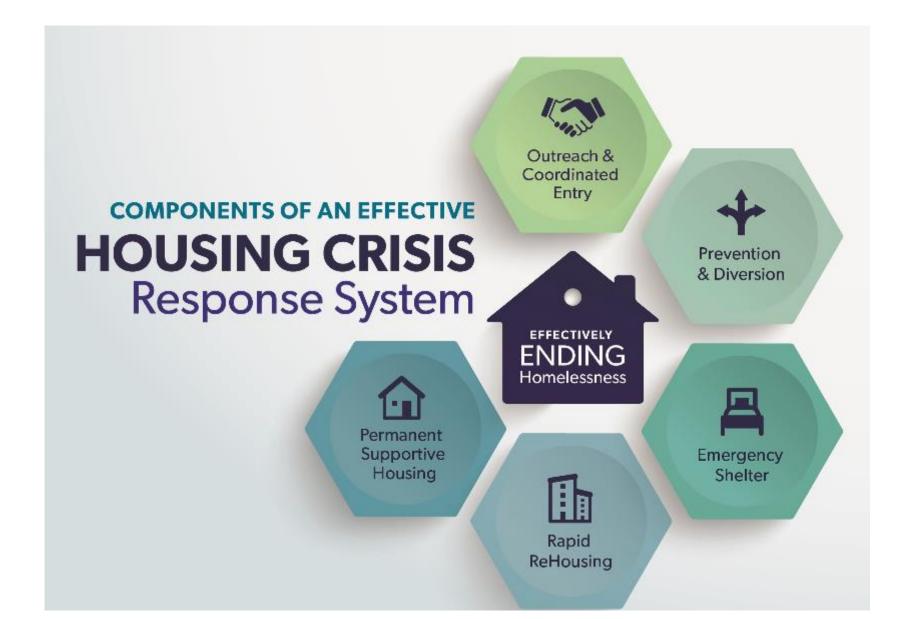
WHY DO RAPID RE-HOUSING?



It works!

- Decreases length of time homeless
- Quickly re-integrates people back into the community
- Frees up resources by being more cost-effective
- Provides a flexible intervention that can be funded multiple ways
- Frees up shelter beds to be available for crisis





COORDINATED ENTRY

a consistent, streamlined process for accessing the resources available in the homeless crisis response system

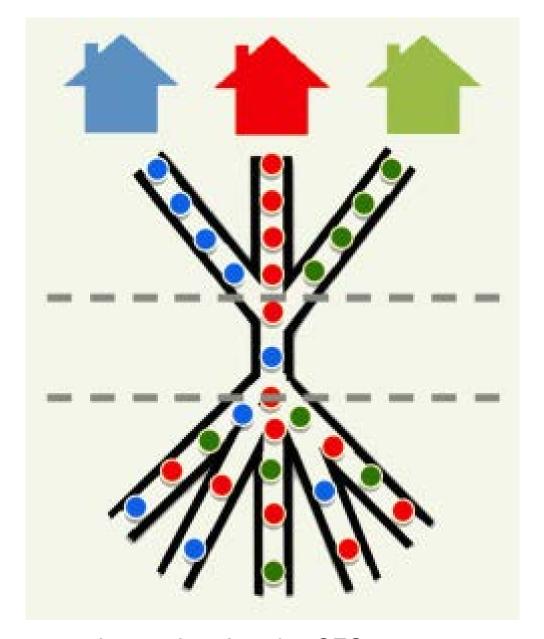


Image: Los Angeles CES

Who to Serve



- Agreement within CoC on who to serve and prioritize
- What agency can best serve participants
- Written standards required for HUD programs
- Use of Coordinated Entry System for prioritization and referrals





HOUSING IDENTIFICATION



BARRIERS ASSESSMENT

- Identify the barriers to obtaining housing
 - Rental History
 - Credit History
 - Criminal History
- Eliminate/Reduce those barriers
 - Landlord Negotiation
 - Financial Assistance
 - Appropriate Housing Options

Be careful – we are not yet addressing barriers to *maintaining* housing



FIND AFFORDABLE HOUSING

- Online
 - Affordablehousingonline.com, Trulia, Craigslist, www.flhousingsearch.org, www.hotpads.com
- Property Managers
- Word of Mouth
 - Staff, board members, volunteers, faith communities
- Driving around!!!
- **See Handout for Help



HIGH HOUSING BARRIERS

Property Managers

AND

Driving Around



Housing Navigator

- Search daily for rental housing units
- Reach out and engage landlord partners
- Create and update an inventory database or spreadsheet with housing options
- Up front work to move-in
- Maintains landlord relationships



Who Is a Good Navigator?







RECRUIT LANDLORDS

Two Clients







- Paid On Time
- Good Neighbor
- Maintain Property
- Rent for a Long Time

- Affordable
- Good Neighborhood
- Maintain Property
- Accessible (transportation, shopping, etc.



SELLING POINTS



- We will market the program for you
- We have a steady stream of potential tenants
- We provide ongoing support to tenants
- You can contact us if you have any problems
- We provide timely payments
- *Maybe* we can provide double deposits



SELL THE PROGRAM!



The Person

John is a homeless veteran with PTSD who was just released from detox and we don't want to put him back on the streets because he is very ill – will you help us get him into one of your apartments?

The Program

Our program provides deposits and rent assistance payments to the landlord. We also provide support services. You can call us anytime if you have a concern.





LINK TO PDF

GUIDEBORATION

Working with Landlords to Help Households
Move Out of Homelessness

APPENDICES

- Housing Locator Position
 Description
- Housing Inventory Spreadsheet
- Know Your Lease Form
- Cost Sharing Plan





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