



Scaling Up Rapid Re-Housing for Families

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A Housing Intervention for Every Family

- First– Some transitional housing, that’s all folks
- Then – Rapid Re-Housing (Yay!) and some Permanent Supportive Housing for Families
- Now – An ongoing, problem-solving, progressive engagement housing conversation that leads to permanent housing

Housing First

- Low-Barrier, all families are Housing Ready
- Housing plus connection with short or long-term supports driven by the family
- Client Choice
- Strengths Based, Problem Solving, Progressive Engagement
- Ending homelessness as quickly as possible

Core Components of RRH

- Quickly find housing
 - Pay for housing
 - Stay in housing
- Households can access any piece or combination of pieces of these three core functions.
- Using progressive engagement to help determine need and allocate resources



Many Funding Sources into One Streamlined System

Flipping our Perspective

From the Family's Perspective

- A Funding Source is not the same thing as a program
- The program is housing-focused shelter, not Rapid Re-housing
- System-wide policies, procedures and referrals
- What barriers does the family have and what resources, funding and assistance can we provide?

Not the funding program's eligibility perspective

- TANF – Max 5 months, only use \$ for application fees and deposits for families that go out on TANF rental assistance.
- ESG – Up to 24 months, must be literally homeless
- Etc, etc, etc.
- What does the family need and what sources of funds can be cobbled together to address each need?

Accessing RRH Dollars

- TANF – Pilot Programs, State flexibility
- ESG – CES Standards to help focus the impact
- HOME – Use for progressive engagement
- State, County, City General Funds – landlord mitigation
- Private – Corporation, Foundation, Individual

Bring other resources to the table (saving RRH \$)

- Department of Workforce Services onsite at shelter to provide assistance with employment and access to benefits
- Utah Community Action onsite to provide Diversion and Centralized Intake
- Domestic Violence partnership/onsite to assist with access to shelter and services

Reducing Family Homelessness on a System Level

- Evaluate and restructure all funding sources
- 50 % to 75% of families move out without any of “our” dollars
- RRH accessed by all agencies serving homeless families
- Centralized prioritization (for both RRH and PSH) process AFTER rapid exit strategies are explored

Celebrate FY2019!

- 676 families served in shelter
- 593 in housing “programs” (approx 450 new moves)
- Length of stay 47 days

