

Implementing Shared Housing: The Systems Approach (Part One)

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Overview of SSG/HOPICS



- ▶ Multi-Service 33 Year Old Nonprofit
- ▶ Los Angeles County
 - ▶ Target Area: South Central LA, Compton, Lynwood and Paramount (6th Region of LA)
- ▶ HOPICS Operates in Three Major Systems of Care
 - ▶ Reentry Services
 - ▶ Outpatient Behavioral Health Services
 - ▶ Housing and Homeless Services Provider in LA County
- ▶ HOPICS Team Composition
 - ▶ Lived Expertise (addiction, justice involvement, homelessness and or mental health)
 - ▶ Paraprofessionals
 - ▶ Clinical Social Workers
 - ▶ Primarily People of Color



HOPICS Permanent Housing Placements in **FY 2021**

- ▶ 1,117 Households Permanently Housed
- ▶ 395 Placed into Shared Housing (35%)
- ▶ 41 in Shared Housing Sites we Master Leased



HOPICS Rapid Units- Scatter Site Supportive Housing (RUSSSH) Model TM

- ▶ Use of Existing Units
- ▶ Special Collaboration with Landlords
- ▶ Use of Blended Subsidies
 - ▶ Rapid Re-Housing primarily
- ▶ Matching Housemates
- ▶ Facilitating Establishment of Community Rules
- ▶ Residential Support Specialists



Master Leasing Properties for Shared Housing

- ▶ Using Time Limited Subsidies
- ▶ Multi-Family Housing Units (5 properties currently)
- ▶ Single Rooms with Shared Common Spaces
- ▶ Population Specific Housing
- ▶ Property Management considerations
- ▶ Candidate Screening Process and Matching
- ▶ Onsite supports



Main Takeaways

- ▶ The Concept of Shared Housing is centuries old
- ▶ People who have never been unhoused regularly have non-familial room/housemates
- ▶ Shared Housing is a key part of a menu of strategies to help people be able to afford to live indoors long term. It's not a last resort.
- ▶ Messaging around shared housing in the Homeless Services Sector should be reimagined
- ▶ Operational Funding and policies that fully embrace and support shared housing are needed to scale up
- ▶ Short, Medium and Long Term Subsidies are viable options to be used for this strategy





Thank You