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- Your Agency
- What made you smile this week?

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# Supporting the Work of Rapidly Re-housing People Experiencing Homelessness

April 20, 2022

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# Land Acknowledgement

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- **This meeting is being held on the traditional lands of the _____ People, and I pay my respect to elders both past and present, who have stewarded this land throughout the generations."**
  - Please take a moment to consider the many legacies of violence, displacement, migration, and settlement that bring us together here today.
- **Deliver** your statement in the chat including the land/people relevant to the land that you are occupying during this session. **Learn more** by taking time to learn about the Indigenous history of the land you live on. The Partnership team will share the link to the US Department of Arts and Culture in the chat now. Visit https://usdac.us/nativeland to get started.

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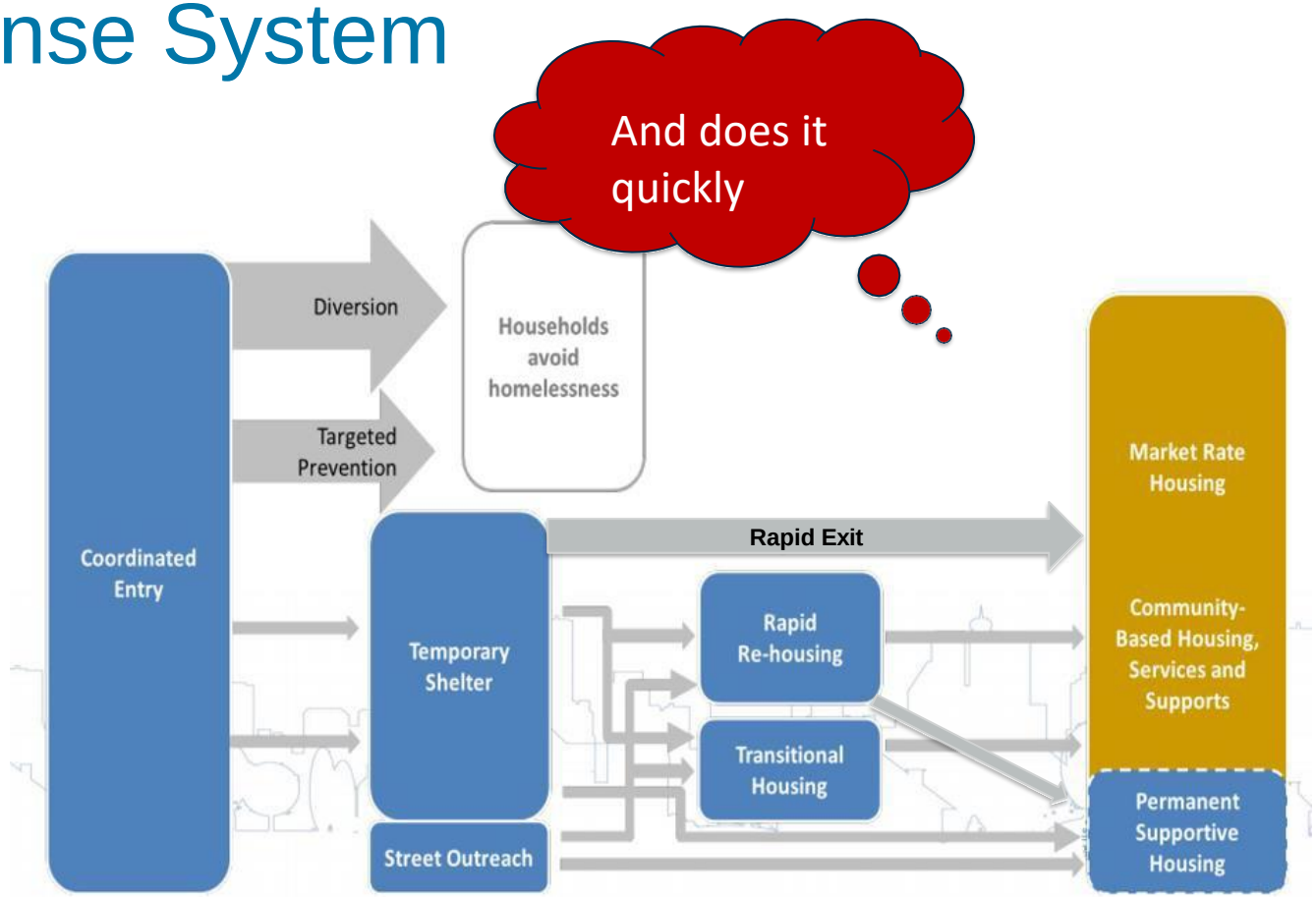
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# Agenda

- Welcome
- Effective Homeless Response System
- Role of RRH in Ending Homelessness
- Program Models
- Discussion
- Your Potential Role in RRH

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# Effective Homeless Response System




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# Rapid Re-Housing

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# Goal of Rapid Re-Housing

- Move households quickly to permanent housing
  - Reduce the length of time people experience homeless
  - Exit households quickly to permanent housing
  - Limit returns to homelessness
  - Inclusive, equitable programs that house anyone, especially folks with greater barriers to tenancy




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# System-Wide Approach to RRH

- Housing is the solution to homelessness
- The goal of an effective crisis response system is to re-house people quickly
- RRH helps people obtain permanent housing and end their homelessness quickly
- RRH works for most people experiencing homelessness

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# Housing First Approach

## Philosophy

- Not a “program,” but a system-wide orientation and response
- Everyone is ready for housing
- Homelessness is a housing problem
- Issues can best be addressed once people are permanently housed
- Housing First means housing fast
- We cannot predict future stability

## Practice

- Few to no pre-requisites to permanent housing
- Rapid entry into permanent housing
- Belief that everyone is ready for housing
- Services are voluntary
- Standard leases like anyone else in the community



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# Housing First in Action

- Believe that everyone is ready for housing
- That means EVERYONE



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# RRH Core Component #1 - Housing Identification

- Principles and program standards
- Role of the Case Manager in landlord identification and engagement
- How to incentivize landlords
- Importance of shared housing
- Racial equity considerations in housing identification

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# FIND: Housing Identification and Practice

## Philosophy

- Everyone is ready to be housed immediately
- Households need assistance to locate housing
- Landlord recruitment is essential to successful rapid re-housing



## Practice

- Actively recruits and retains landlords
- Provides support during housing search
- Identifies and mitigates barriers to entering housing
- Ensures “good fit” between landlord and client
- Assists client to realistically identify the “right” housing option
- Facilitates shared housing

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# RRH Core Component #2 – Rent and Move-In Assistance

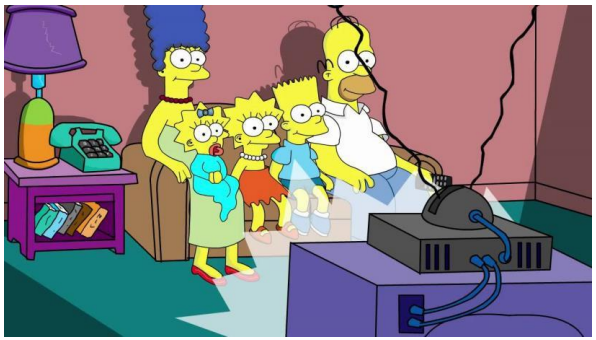
- Principles and program standards
- Role of the Case Manager in financial assistance
- Progressive engagement
- Racial equity considerations in financial assistance

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# Pay: Financial Assistance

## Philosophy

- Individualized assistance helps house more people
- Clients are resilient and can figure it out
- Financial assistance is to pay for housing, not alleviate poverty
- **NOT a one-size-fits-all**



## Practice

- Individualized assessment to determine the "right" individual financial assistance (only what's necessary)
- Encourages client contribution from the start
- Focuses on the $$ amount that household needs to pay for rent
- Identifies **all** potential resources of $$ to pay towards rent
- Client assumes maintaining housing – identifies and pursues what is needed

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# RRH Core Component #3 – Case Management and Service

- Principles and program standards
- Role of the Case Manager in housing stabilization
- Racial equity considerations in RRH case management
- Case management techniques to effectively serve clients with barriers to stability

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# Stay: Rapid Re-Housing Case Management

- Philosophy
  - RRH case management should be client-driven and voluntary
  - RRH case management should be flexible in intensity
  - RRH case management uses a strengths-based approach to empower clients
  - RRH case management reflects the short-term nature of the rapid re-housing assistance
- Practice
  - Acts as a “service broker” and “connecter” to other supports – provides warm handoffs
  - Assists to identify a support network
  - Focuses all interaction on housing plan
  - Engages household in problem solving and assuming rent
  - Every conversation is housing focused, with exit planning from day one



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# What RRH Does Do and Does Not Do

| Rapid Re-Housing **Does** | Rapid Re-Housing **Does Not** |
| --- | --- |
| • Reduce the length of time people experience homelessness<br>• Minimize the negative impact of homelessness on their lives<br>• Assist people to access resources that can help with personal goals | • Eliminate poverty<br>• Assure people will have affordable housing (to pay 30% or less of their income to rent)<br>• Protect people from the impact of life losses or challenging situations<br>• Eliminate housing mobility |

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# Discussion



Share: What has your organization engaged in?



Brainstorm: How can your organization engage in rapidly re-housing people experiencing homelessness?

# Program Models

How are Community Action Agencies Implementing or Supporting Rapid Re-housing Programs Now and What Are Their Outcomes?

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# Discussion

- How can you find housing units that clients can afford?
- How do you convince landlords to rent to clients with poor rental histories?
- What funding streams are being used for rental assistance?
- How do you determine how much rental help people should receive?
- How long should case management last?

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# THANK YOU!


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# Questions



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# Additional Resources and Upcoming Events

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  - Health Intersections
  - Implementing ROMA
  - ROMA for Boards
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# HEALTH INTERSECTIONS CONVENING

## Trauma & Resilience-Informed Inquiry for Adversity, Distress and Strengths (TRIADS)

### Thursday, May 5, 2022

12:00pm - 3:00pm ET / 11:00am – 2:00pm CT /
10:00am – 1:00pm MT / 9:00am – 12:00pm PT

**Register now!**



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