

# Stronger Together: A Roadmap to An Effective Homeless System

## Rapid Re-Housing: A Proven Approach to Ending Homelessness

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**END HOMELESSNESS**



Center For  
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A pandemic, natural disasters, lack of funding, low wages that fuel staff turnover, and the disappearance of truly affordable housing continue to impact homeless response systems. In many communities, these realities have led to increased homelessness, especially unsheltered homelessness. Now homeless response systems must reexamine and restrengthen its efforts by coordinating and ensuring fidelity to best practices in the interventions offered.

For any homelessness system – no matter if newly formed, restructuring, or well-established – this onset of unprecedented challenges may have led to decreased use of best practices across a

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# WHY STRONGER TOGETHER?

Creating An Effective Homeless Response System



# GOAL OF AN EFFECTIVE, EFFICIENT, AND EQUITABLE HOMELESS RESPONSE SYSTEM

**DIVERT** people from  
imminent homelessness  
whenever possible

**HOUSE** people as quickly  
as possible



# HOMELESS RESPONSE SYSTEM: ENDGAME

HOMELESSNESS IS  
RARE,  
BRIEF,  
AND  
ONE-TIME



People in a housing crisis have access to immediate help, including a safe place to go



People are not unsheltered



People do not spend long periods of time homeless



People exit homelessness quickly and do not quickly cycle back into homelessness



# HOMELESS RESPONSE SYSTEM: ENDGAME

## ESTABLISH SYSTEM PERFORMANCE MEASURES



Reduce in-flow into homelessness



Increase exits to permanent housing



Decrease average length of homelessness



Decrease returns to homelessness

# SYSTEM INTERVENTIONS

Street Outreach

Targeted Homelessness Prevention

Diversion

Coordinated Entry

Emergency Shelter

Rapid Re-Housing

Transitional Housing

Permanent Supportive Housing

# INCREASE SYSTEM FLOW

An efficient and coordinated process that moves people from homelessness to housing as quickly as possible

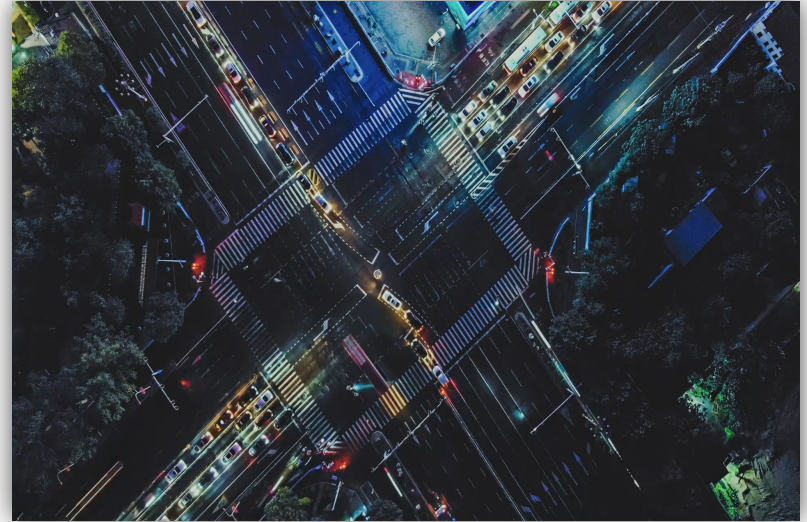


# Consider How Current Resources Are Being Utilized and Working Together...

If you make investments without considering how it impacts the system and how it is coordinated...



If the interventions working together...



# RAPID RE-HOUSING

A Proven Approach to Ending Homelessness



# Rapid Re-Housing Works!

Moves people into housing quickly!

Exits the majority of households to permanent housing.

Is a key part of a functional homelessness response system!

Programming flexes to meet diverse needs of participants.

Can serve more people overall than other permanent housing interventions available.

# Rapid Re-Housing Innovations & Strategy

Belief in people makes all the difference!

Consolidate admin to support smaller & non-traditional programs

Employ people with lived expertise at all levels of the program

Support and encourage shared housing as a viable and affordable option

Creative partnerships enhance services and grow resources

Effective landlord engagement = building lasting relationships

Data doesn't lie!  
Use it regularly to guide strategy

Equitable outcomes takes intentional work

# Center for Learning: New RRH Course!



## Rapid Re-Housing: An Introduction

The only thing that ends homelessness is housing. In this course, learn the basics of Rapid Re-Housing (RRH), an evidence-based best practice for connecting people experiencing homelessness with permanent housing and supporting them in their path toward housing stability. This course will be useful for anyone establishing, improving, or working within an RRH program.

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