# Stronger Together: A Roadmap to An Effective Homeless System

Supportive Housing: A Crucial Part of an Effective System

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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** 

**Supportive Housing** 



#### **INCREASE SYSTEM FLOW**

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



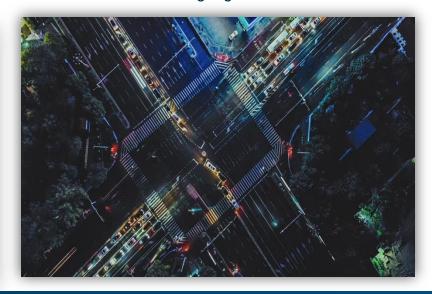


# Consider How Current Resources Are Being Utilized and Working Together...

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



If the interventions working together...





#### **SUPPORTIVE HOUSING**



# What is Supportive Housing?

Supportive housing combines affordable housing with services that help people who face the most complex challenges and are most likely to be systemically marginalized live with stability, autonomy and dignity



### Framework vs Subsidized Program



**Inclusion in Design Phase** 



**Outcomes vs. Process** 



Shift Focus from How to Who



## **Supportive Housing is NOT**

- Treatment model or method
- Transitional
- Licensed Community care



#### **Key Components Of Supportive Housing**

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#### **Housing First**

Engages households with multiple barriers through flexible, voluntary services

Housing is deeply affordable

5 Coordinates among key partners

**Client Centered** 

Supports connecting with community



#### Listen for ways to . . .

- Center client choice
- Ensure and measure quality in services
- Promote and measure equity
- Support clients in meeting personal goals and potentially moving on



#### PANEL DISCUSSION



#### Thank You!

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