

Stronger Together: A Roadmap to An Effective Homeless System

Joint Transitional Housing/Rapid Re-Housing (TH-RRH): Am I Doing this Right?

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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



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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...



JOINT COMPONENT TH/RRH

A Newer Approach to Ending Homelessness



Objectives of the Joint Project

- Fill in gaps of unsheltered homelessness, Domestic Violence, Youth, and VA-funded Homeless Assistance Programs
- Provide a Safe Space for participants
- **Quickly house participants and move them into permanent housing**
- Provide financial assistance a wrap-around services

TH vs RRH Components


Transitional Housing

- Intended to provide interim housing and support to move and maintain permanent housing.
- Up to 24 months of housing and Supportive Services *
- Lease, sublease, or occupancy agreement must be in place.

Rapid Re-Housing

- Permanent Housing
- Short-term (3 months) and medium-term (4-24 months) tenant-based rental assistance and Supportive Services *
- The tenant must hold a one-year lease, even if the assistance is less than one year.

Joint Component “Nuts and Bolts”



Project must offer both TH and RRH components to all participants

Shortest LOS reasonable but no more than 24 months total across both components

Supportive Services must be part of the entire project

Participants must be able to choose what component(s) to participate in

Joint Component Can Address...

- Unsheltered homelessness by providing temporary, low-barrier housing to individuals and families while helping them quickly move to permanent housing.
- The lack of safe crisis housing for people fleeing domestic violence; Joint component projects can provide survivors with safe and supportive temporary housing and connect them to safe, permanent housing and continued services as soon as they are ready.
- High rates of unsheltered youth homelessness; joint component provides a tool to develop projects specially tailored to meet their unique developmental needs and help them move quickly into permanent housing with available supportive services to help them maintain that housing.

At a minimum, joint component projects should..

- Target and prioritize people experiencing homelessness with higher needs and who are most vulnerable.
- Use a Housing First approach with client-driven service models and focus on helping people move to permanent housing as quickly as possible.
- Have low-barriers to entry and accommodate people with possessions, partners, pets, or other needs.
- Incorporate client-choice by helping participants find permanent housing based on their unique strengths, needs, preferences, and financial resources.
- Provide or connect participants to resources that help them improve their safety and well-being and achieve their goals.

PANEL DISCUSSION



Survey: Overview

- The Urban Institute is conducting a research study to examine the role joint component transitional housing-rapid rehousing programs play in homeless response systems and communities more broadly
- We hope this research will provide insight that can be used to inform programs, policies, and funding in the future
 - Funded by NAEH
- We are currently fielding an online national survey targeted towards joint component TH-RRH providers
 - You may have received an email from The Urban Institute sharing more about the survey
- Please reach out to Katie Elder, Project Director, at kelder@urban.org with any questions

Thank You

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