

Police, Treatment, and Community Collaborative: 2nd Annual National Conference on Deflection/Pre-Arrest Diversion

Meeting the Housing Needs of the Deflection
Population: Connecting with the Homeless and
Recovery housing Continuums

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Framework for today's Presentation

- I. Understanding the Homeless Continuum and Housing First
- II. Linking the Homeless and Recovery Housing Systems
- III. Background on USICH and Home, Together
- IV. Home, Together: The Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness
- V. Understanding the Roles of Law Enforcement and Homeless Service Partnerships
- VI. Convening on Law Enforcement and Homeless Services Partnerships in Ending Homelessness
- VII. Consultation as Key Component of our Work

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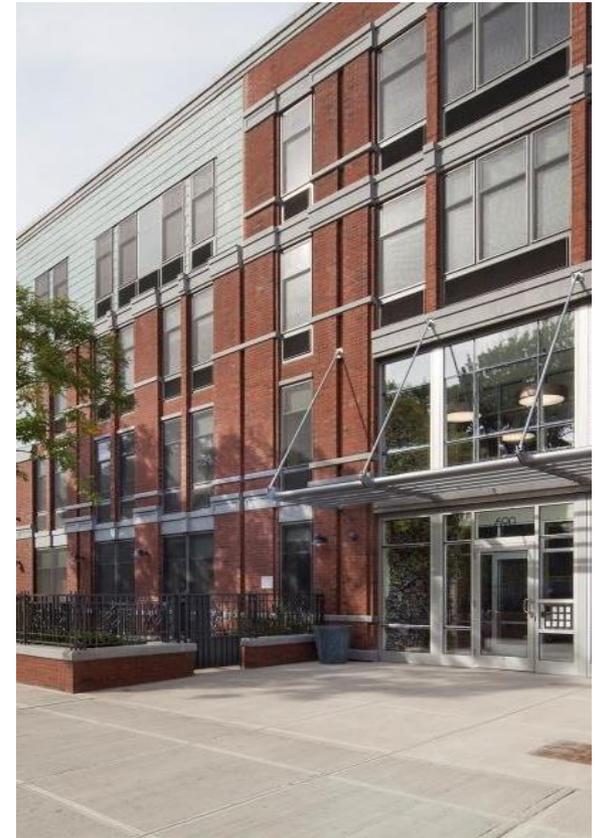
Advancing Housing Solutions That



Improve lives of
vulnerable people



Maximize
public resources



Build strong,
healthy communities

Supportive Housing is the Solution

Supportive housing combines affordable housing with services that help people who face the most complex challenges to live with stability, autonomy and dignity.

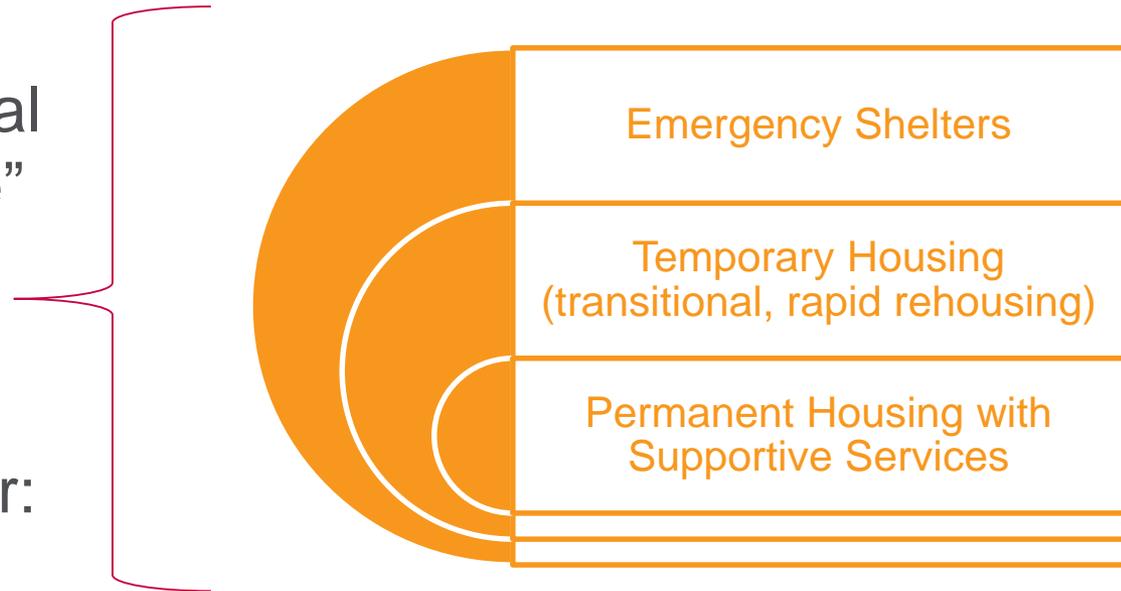
Housing:
Affordable
Permanent
Independent



Support:
Flexible
Voluntary
Tenant-centered
Coordinated Services

The Homeless “System”

HUD funds regional “Continua of Care” that include homeless and housing service providers that offer:

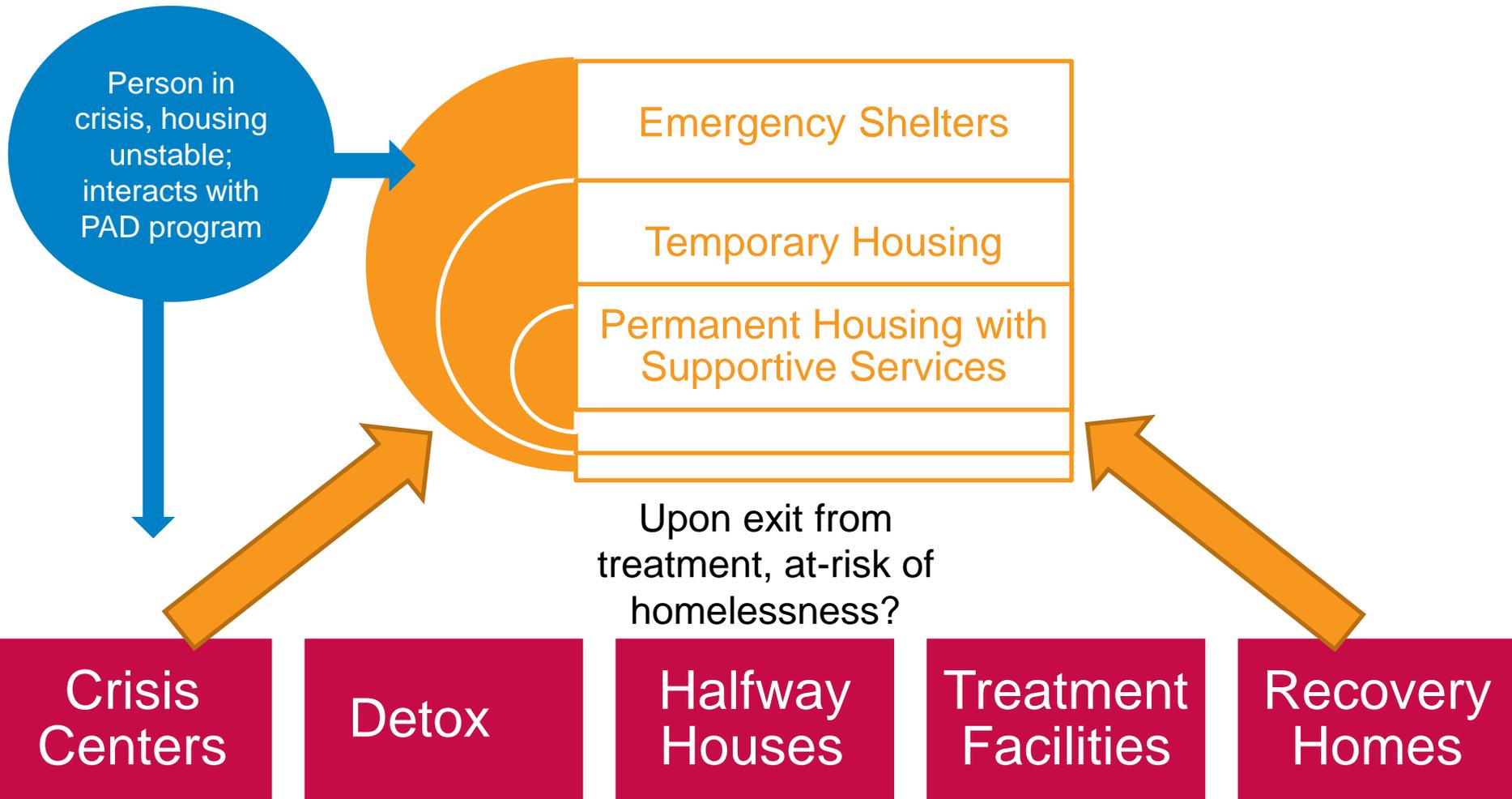


In the past 5 or so years, HUD has increasingly required that providers demonstrate they are using a Housing First approach. The reason is simple: homelessness is solved first and foremost by providing a home, which is a platform for recovery from mental, behavioral and physical afflictions.

How Does Housing First Fit In?

- Focus is on quickly re-housing people experiencing homelessness
- The focus is housing with voluntary services available.
 - Services are voluntary for tenants – not providers!
- **Why is this different?**
 - Sobriety not a requirement; it is a goal but not the only goal
 - Compliance with medications (for example) not a requirement
- A truly integrated housing continuum will have housing options available for people ready/wanting sober living and those not yet at that stage

Let's Link the Homeless and Recovery Systems



How can housing fit in with pre-arrest diversion (PAD)?

- Many PAD programs report working with many people experiencing homelessness or housing instability who qualify for their services (i.e. no or minimal arrest records)
- Crisis centers are a place for some PAD interventions – these can be linked with housing and services options – both recovery oriented and other
- Housing is a platform for the treatment models in PAD programs
- What do YOU think?



Home, Together: The New Federal Plan

Home.

Because we know that the only true end to homelessness is a safe and stable place to call home.

Together.

Because the solutions are going to take all of us working together, doing our parts, strengthening our communities.



Home, Together:
THE FEDERAL STRATEGIC PLAN TO
PREVENT AND END HOMELESSNESS



UNITED STATES INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS



Understanding the Roles of Law Enforcement and Homeless Service Partnerships

- Law enforcement are often **first responders** to people experiencing homelessness
- Recognition of the **cyclical relationship** between criminal justice involvement and homelessness
- More **guidance needed on the effective role** of law enforcement in addressing homelessness
- Learning lessons from **mental health responses**
- Effective **Housing First orientation** requires engaging with law enforcement





Convening on Law Enforcement and Homeless Services Partnerships in Ending Homelessness

Purpose: To bring together representatives from law enforcement and homeless services sectors from 10 communities to discuss best and promising practices in their partnerships to respond to homelessness among people who come into contact with law enforcement.

Participating Communities:

1. Austin, Texas
2. Charleston, South Carolina
3. Mississippi ([Balance of State](#))
4. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
5. Portland, Oregon
6. San Diego, California
7. San Francisco, California
8. Santa Barbara, California
9. Seattle, Washington
10. Wichita, Kansas

Key Strategies for Strengthening Partnerships

- Developing shared goals, clearly define roles, and engage other critical stakeholders
- Using Data
- Review and align local laws and ordinances to support the goals of the partnership
- Equip law enforcement officers and their homelessness service system counterparts with protocols and training
- Divert people from the criminal justice system while supporting long-term stabilization



Community Examples

- Wichita, KS: Driving Efforts to Reduce Unsheltered Homelessness
- Philadelphia, PA: Pioneering Model to Respond to Encampments





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