

Subsidized Housing Programs: A Basic Overview for Advocates

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Agenda

- History of HEARTH Act
- Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program
- Continuum of Care (CoC) Program
- What does this mean for you?



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HEARTH Act

“...establish a federal goal of ensuring that individuals and families who become homeless return to permanent housing within 30 days.”



HEARTH Act Shifts

Programs

• Systems

Activities

• Outcomes

Shelter

• Prevention

Transitioning

• Rapid Re-housing



HEARTH Act Measures

- Number of people who become homeless
- Returns to homelessness
- Duration of homeless episode



CoC Funding



CoC (Continuum of Care) COMPETITIVE FUNDING

ACTIVITIES: Permanent Supportive Housing, Rapid Rehousing, Supportive Services, Transitional Housing, Prevention*

RECIPIENTS: CoCs and subrecipients

IN EFFECT: As of August 30, 2012



ESG: The Facts



Programs

- Must participate in coordinated assessment
- Participants must receive case management services

The System

- Must coordinate with CoC
- Must participate in HMIS
- Must target prevention to those below 30% of AMI



ESG: Best Practice



Incorporate a permanent housing/rapid re-housing focus by:

- Educating and training staff, board members, funders
- Developing resources for short-term financial assistance

Target prevention funds using data



CoC: The Facts, cont'd



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Programs

- Can no longer require persons to participate in disability related services (like substance abuse service)

The System

Must develop:

- Prioritization standards
- CoC board that includes a homeless or formerly homeless person; subrecipients must also have consumers on their board
- System-wide performance goals
- Coordinated assessment process

Opportunity to be High Performing Community



CoC: Best Practice



- Measure program performance
- Retool and adjust programs to better meet HEARTH outcomes
- Use consumers in meaningful ways
- Connect and collaborate with the homeless assistance system on governance and data issues



What does this mean for you?

Well, that depends...

At a minimum:

- Coordinated Entry
- Rapid Re-Housing

Things to keep in mind:

- Rights of survivors



Coordinated Entry

- Location and Emergency Accommodation
- Assessment Process and Certification of Homelessness
- Staffing

Resource: Incorporating DV Providers Checklist



Rapid Re-Housing

- Temporary assistance to stabilize in housing.
- Does not mean NO services. Means housing THEN services.
- Core aspects:
 - Housing Search and Landlord Negotiation
 - Financial Assistance
 - Services

Resource: DV Rapid Re-housing Toolkit



Survivor Rights

- Self-certification of homelessness.
- Confidentiality.
- Moves/transfers.



What you **SHOULD** be doing **NOW!**

- Get a seat at the table.
- Educate and engage.
- Make it a priority.



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