

Community Solution:
Rapid Re-Housing &
Prevention

Using Prevention to Avoid Shelter

Who?

Households at imminent risk of entering shelter

Why?

85% of households with an eviction notice do not enter emergency shelter

The biggest predictor of future homelessness is past homelessness

Tools?

Shinn/Greer Brief Screener to identify baseline eligibility and priority status

- *Eligibility=previous homelessness AND currently staying with family or friends*
- *Priority =ranked based on additional risk factors*

Using Prevention to Avoid Shelter

1 Point

- 1 point
- Pregnancy
- Children under 2
- No H.S./GED
- Not currently employed
- Not leaseholder
- Reintegrating into community from an institution
- 23-28 years old
- 1-3 moves in last year
- 1-2 disruptive childhood experiences
- Moderate discord with landlord, leaseholder or household

2 points

- Receiving public assistance
- Involved w/CPS/APS
- Applied for shelter in last 3 months
- 22 years old or younger
- 4+ moves in last year
- 3+ disruptive childhood experiences
- Severe discord with landlord, leaseholder, or household

How does it work?

- Short-term rental subsidy
- Active identification of client strengths and supports
- Progressive engagement
- Links to local service provider network
- Development and focus on a practical housing stability plan

Using RRH for Those with the Highest Needs

Who?

Households with LOTS of housing barriers

Why?

Research shows that rapid re-housing works with high needs households

High needs households cost the most to maintain in homelessness

Tools?

Modified Rapid Re-Housing Triage Tool to identify baseline eligibility and priority status

- *Eligibility=literal homelessness & score on triage tool*
- *Priority=ranked based on additional risk factors (highest scores first)*

Using RRH for Those with the Highest Needs

The devil is in the details!

- People are used to a traditional waitlist, based on first come=first served. A dynamic waitlist, based on priority status feels unfair.
- High barrier participants surprised us...a lot.
- The national data surprised us even more.
- There remains a real and perceived need for more permanent supportive housing.
- Successful RRH is successful housing stabilization.

How does it work?

- Short-term rental subsidy
- Active identification of client strengths and supports
- Progressive engagement
- Links to local service provider network
- Development and focus on a practical housing stability plan
- Individualized & flexible approach