

TODAY'S ROUNDTABLE ACTIVITY

Break into small groups

Identify challenges

Discuss best practices and effective approaches

Share policy alternatives

PROBLEM SOLVING TO END HOMELESSNESS



Program resources, knowledge & skills

Community resources

Focus on ending homelessness

PROBLEM SOLVING TO END HOMELESSNESS

Individualized Assistance

Start with the least amount of services and assistance necessary

Frequently re-assess housing barriers and provide targeted support

Always look for options that are sustainable beyond the RRH program

COC'S POLICIES AND STANDARDS FOR ADMINISTERING RRH ASSISTANCE

> Principles

- Rent and move-in assistance will be flexible and tailored to the varying and changing needs of a household while providing the assistance necessary for households to move immediately out of homelessness and to stabilize in permanent housing.
- All RRH programs will make efforts to maximize the number of households they are able to serve by providing households with the financial assistance in a progressive manner, providing only the assistance necessary to stabilize in permanent housing.

RRH programs will provide "the least amount of assistance for the least amount of time," while ensuring that enough is provided to be reasonably sure that the housing will "stick" and the assisted household does not return to homelessness.

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What makes the difference?

Support networks and/or a safety net

Life skills that allow individuals and families to operate independently

Income (employment, education, public benefits, or a combination)

Client choice and client-driven solutions

RRH ASSISTANCE

Rule-based & standardized approach Flexible & individualized approach



Meet your budget

Will work for some people

Long-term stability

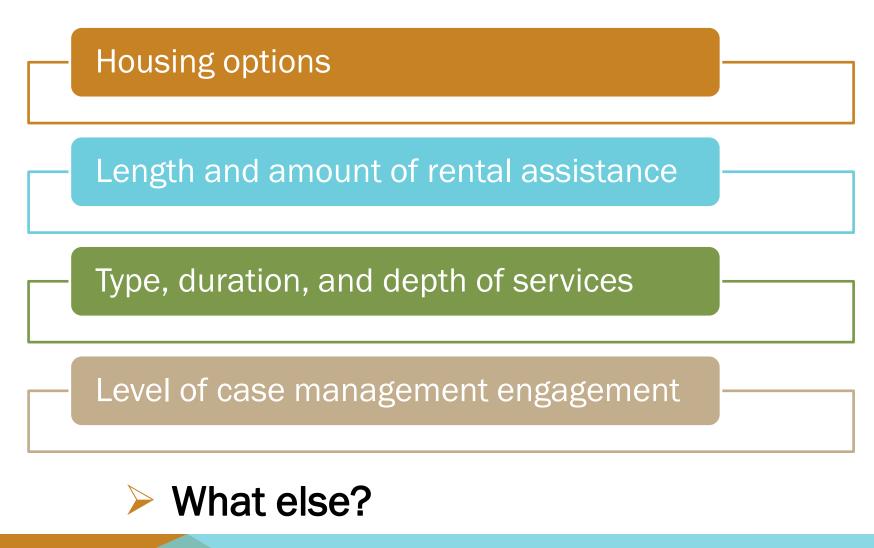
Will work for

more people

Cost effectiveness

Empowered clients

WHAT DOES FLEXIBLE & INDIVIDUALIZED LOOK LIKE?



PLANNING FOR FLEXIBILITY

Goals

Identify service connections to meet client's needs

Adjust length & amount of RA based on the client's need

Tailor case management to the client's needs

Housing stability for high percentage of clients served

Engage and retain landlords

Challenges

Creating a budget before you know what clients will need

Creating a staffing plan before you know what clients will need

Tracking spend-down as client needs fluctuate

Running out of money

Under-spending



HOUSING STRATEGIES

Systematize Housing-Focused CM



Client Choice

WHAT IS SHARED HOUSING?

Two or more people living in a permanent rental unit, sharing housing costs

- Multi-bedroom apartment
- Single family house
- Two or more RRH clients
- RRH clients and housed family or friends
- RRH clients and roommates

SHARED HOUSING

Advantages

Increased housing options

Reduction of rent burden

Help with childcare

Increased social connections

Support with shared goals

Assistance with disability

Challenges

Interpersonal issues

Landlord challenges

Filling vacancies

FUNDING CONSIDERATIONS

- Who has to be on the lease? Are there other lease requirements?
- Who needs to be eligible for the program? Who doesn't?
- How do rent limitations apply?
- How do you calculate the client's portion of rent?



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