



# National Alliance to End Homeless Conference

FAMILIES AND YOUTH - SPRING 2016

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# Orange County Representation

- ▶ Orange County United Way
- ▶ Families Forward
- ▶ Family Promise
- ▶ Mercy House
- ▶ Illumination Foundation
- ▶ WTLC
- ▶ SPIN
- ▶ Human Options
- ▶ Jamboree Housing
- ▶ Laura's House
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# Big Picture: Key Takeaways

- ▶ Housing solves Homelessness
- ▶ Rapid Re-Housing now a proven model
- ▶ Define and implement diversion strategies
- ▶ Cross-sector collaboration
- ▶ Get creative with your funding!

# Housing Solves Homelessness

- ▶ Eyes on the prize: Ending Homelessness
- ▶ More permanent housing programs
- ▶ Housing First: Trauma-Informed, Voluntary Services,
- ▶ Advocate for your system, your agency, and ultimately your clients
- ▶ System performance is everything: WORK TOGETHER

# Rapid ReHousing: Proven Model

- ▶ Successful models focus on landlord recruitment
- ▶ Challenging markets: Engage landlords earlier, and often. It can work!
- ▶ Staff training is crucial: Case Management and Housing Team not the same thing
- ▶ Housing First + Employment First
- ▶ HUD Concept Paper coming in Spring 2016

# Diversion and Prevention Strategies

- ▶ Diversion and Prevention are both necessary to keep new folks from entering the homeless system
- ▶ Effective strategies can reduce recidivism from housing programs
- ▶ System-wide agreement on what Diversion and Prevention are is necessary
- ▶ Be bold, creative, try new things and see what works – share your experiences

# Cross-Sector Collaboration

- ▶ Continuous engagement and dialogue with individual cities
- ▶ Continue to work with Housing Authorities
- ▶ Transportation and Employment – Public and Private Partners
- ▶ Private Sector: Landlords, Businesses – creative problem solving
- ▶ TANF funding Rapid ReHousing in some jurisdictions

# Creative Funding Partnerships

- ▶ Explore the possibility of creating a “Funders Together” model in Orange County
- ▶ Attract new funders through strategic partnerships: make your projects creative, interesting, and fundable
- ▶ Pulling together collaborations as agencies is a form of development – who can bring which resources to the table?



# Domestic Violence

- ▶ HUD recognizes this is a population that would properly utilize bridge housing/temporary housing/hybrid transitional housing
- ▶ Best models for shelter-to-permanent housing have four month shelter stays

# Conference Materials + NAEH Info

- ▶ <http://www.endhomelessness.org/library/entry/conference-presentations-from-the-2016-national-conference-on-ending-family>
- ▶ National Conference in Washington DC July 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>
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