Strategy Overview

Rapid re-housing is a cost-effective strategy to help families successfully exit homelessness and maintain permanent housing by integrating three components: employment assistance, case management, and housing services. Families can most efficiently access rapid re-housing through coordinated entry. Eligibility criteria for rapid re-housing vary between communities. Rapid re-housing can be successful for families meeting HUD’s definition of homelessness, often regardless of income.

Family Impact

Preliminary findings from national outcomes of families who received rapid re-housing are promising.

5 to 6

Months is how long many families are receiving rental assistance

91%

Of families receiving rapid re-housing exited homelessness for permanent housing

More cost-effective compared to emergency shelter or transitional housing

National Case Studies

More than 30 counties nationally have implemented rapid re-housing in their communities. Results are encouraging, and this model appears to meet the complex housing needs of the majority of families.

Idaho | CATCH Program
- 86% of families can pay their own rent after 6 months.

Utah | The Road Home
- Length of stay in emergency shelter declined from 71 to 26 days.

New Jersey | Mercer County
- Families were 3.5 times more likely to be employed at exit when compared to transitional housing.
- 94% of families remained stably housed after 3 years.

Georgia | Homelessness Recurrence
- People 4.7 & 4.0 times more likely to return to homelessness when not served by rapid re-housing programs.

What is Rapid Re-Housing?

Families are secure and able to maintain permanent housing & employment

- Provides rental subsidy
- Partners with landlords
- Negotiates leases
- Tailors services to the unique needs of each family as needed
- Uses a coordinated cross-systems partnerships approach
- Connections to mainstream systems (e.g., K-12 education, housing, and health care)
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