



Neighborhood House

Strong Families. Strong Communities. Since 1906.



Welcome to the SFSI Breakout Session!

HOUSING STABILITY



Everyone needs a home

- SMART (Specific, Measureable, Achievable, Relevant, Time-Bound) Goals
- Identify & Resolve Barriers
- Identify support system(s)
- Increase/generate income to pay rent
- Ability to pay Market Rate Rent and utilities when subsidy ends
- Permanent Housing

SFSI Overview

SFSI is a housing program serving McKinney-Vento eligible families in need of securing housing whose income is at or below 80% of AMI and who would be willing and able to increase income to take over rent payments within approximately 12 months.

Key Services:

- Assists with navigating past evictions and housing debt;
- Provides housing search support and pays move-in costs and 100% of first two months of rent;
- Provides subsidized rent assistance based on household's income (Family pays 30% of net income for month 3; 40% for month 4, etc.); Up to 12 months with max of \$14k per family;
- Provides budgeting support and employment and training services for families needing to increase income and/or plan for rent payments;
- Refers families to additional community resources as needed.

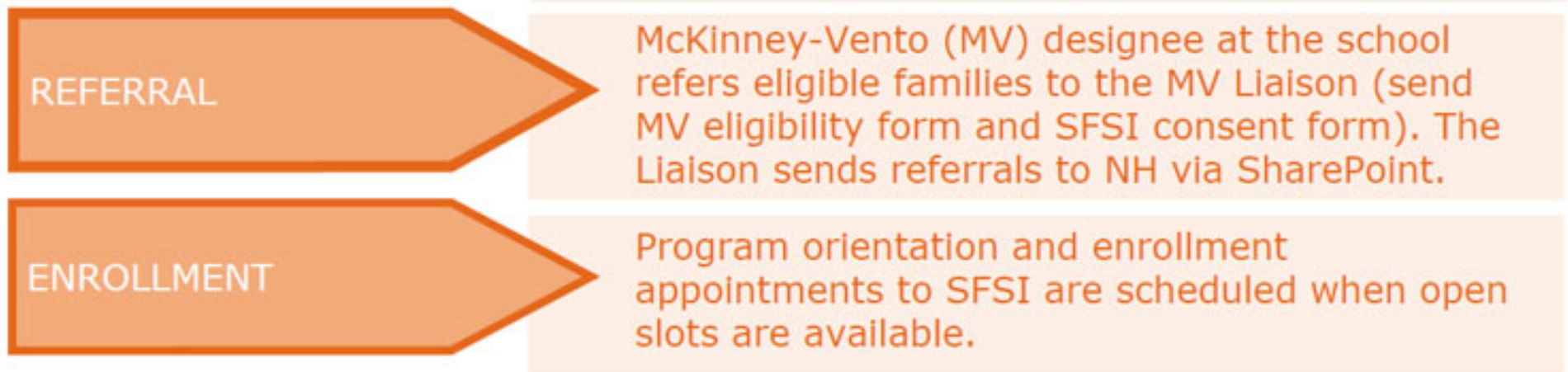
SFSI Referral Process

ELIGIBILITY SCREEN

School Counselors/ Social Workers complete this SFSI Eligibility Questionnaire to find out if the family is eligible for the program.

The Questionnaire asks for the family's current living situation (and if currently in housing, whether or not they need to leave within the next 60 days), whether or not their household income is at or below 80% of AMI, whether or not they are on a fixed income (ex: Social Security, SSDI, etc.), whether or not the adult(s) in the family are currently employed, and the size of the household.

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NH Housing Stability Program Manager regularly shares updates with School Districts on the program capacity for new enrollment and approximate wait times for contacting families.

Prepare for Intake Appointment

- ID and SSC for all Adults & Children
- Income verification (paystubs, award letters, tax returns etc.)
- How many people are in your family?
 - Each family member needs to complete a **Consent Form**

Housing Location Process



- Rental criteria – ask up front!
- Housing Search Log
 - Utilities included
 - Properties built prior to 1978
- Budget application fees
 - \$25-40 for each adult applicant
- Lease agreement terms
 - Do not sign lease before communicating with your case manager

Housing Search Resources

- [Check if Home is within KCHA Jurisdiction](#)
- [Craigslist](#)
- [Padmapper](#)
- [Zillow](#)
- [Apartment Finder](#)
- [Rentals.com](#)

When in doubt, ask us for a lead!

Employment Services

- Job Search Assistance
- Resumes and Cover Letters
- Job Readiness
- Financial Workshops
- Interviewing Skills
- Referrals to other resources

Family Resources

- NW Furniture Bank
- Westside Baby
- Dress for Success
- Referral to Employment Programs

Housing Market & Current Trends

- Since the end of the eviction moratorium, we have seen Landlords charging late fees, including some daily late fees
- Landlords have issued “pay or vacate” notices for late fee balances
- For tenants in month-to-month housing, we are seeing rent increases
- Housing is competitive; must apply for units right away if interested
- Two-Bedroom Units for approx. \$1,800 in the School Districts

SUCCESS STORIES

2022 Progress Report

- Continued to support **42** families who were enrolled in 2021
- Enrolled **55** new families into the program
- Housed **25** families
- Successfully exited **35** families to permanent housing
- Facilitated housing upgrades for **7** families, including from homelessness to moving into shelter or temporary hotel stay and/or housing through our RRH program
- Supported **9** families to successfully obtain Emergency Housing Vouchers for ongoing subsidy from KCHA

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QUESTIONS?