

Rapid Re-Housing

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Rapid re-housing is an intervention designed to help individuals and families that don't need intensive and ongoing supports to quickly exit homelessness and return to permanent housing. Rapid re-housing assistance is offered without preconditions — like employment, income, absence of criminal record, or sobriety — and the resources and services provided are tailored to the unique needs of the household.

Core Components

Housing Identification

- **Recruit landlords** to provide housing opportunities for individuals and families experiencing homelessness.
- Address potential barriers to landlord participation such as concern about short term nature of rental assistance and tenant qualifications.
- Assist households to **find and secure appropriate rental housing**.

Rent and Move-In Assistance

- **Provide assistance to cover move-in costs**, deposits, and the rental and/or utility assistance (typically six months or less) necessary to allow individuals and families to move immediately out of homelessness and to stabilize in permanent housing.

Case Management and Services

- Help individuals and families experiencing homelessness identify and select among various permanent housing options **based on their unique needs, preferences, and financial resources**.
- Help individuals and families experiencing homelessness address issues that may **impede access to housing** (such as credit history, arrears, and legal issues).

- Help individuals and families negotiate **manageable and appropriate lease agreements** with landlords.
- Make appropriate and **time-limited services and supports** available to families and individuals to allow them to stabilize quickly in permanent housing.
- Monitor participants' housing stability and **be available to resolve crises.**
- Provide or assist the household with **connections to resources** that help them improve their safety and well-being and achieve their long-term goals.
- Ensure that services provided are **client-directed**, respectful of individuals' right to self-determination, and voluntary.