Rapid Rehousing Research Findings and Links

- **Rapid Re-housing for Homeless Families Demonstration (RRHD) Programs Evaluation Report**
  - Publisher and Publication Date: HUD, 2016
  - Data collection period: FFY 2009-2012
  - Link: https://www.huduser.gov/portal/rapid-rehousing-program.html
  - Key Rapid Re-housing Findings
    - The study results affirm that rapid re-housing is effective at moving families into permanent housing and that most (90 percent) of those families who were placed do not return to homelessness.
    - Family characteristics, such as the presence of a disability, that are often used to restrict rapid re-housing to a narrow group of families do not predict well which families will maintain stable housing and which will have subsequent episodes of homelessness.

- **Family Options Study Long-term Outcomes Report**
  - Publisher and Publication Date: HUD, 2016
  - Data collection period: September 2010- January 2012
  - Link: https://www.huduser.gov/portal/sites/default/files/pdf/Family-Options-Study-Full-Report.pdf
  - Key Rapid Re-housing Findings
    - The 3-year evidence shows that families assigned to the community based RRH intervention do about as well as families assigned to "usual care" but at a 9 % lower cost, mainly because assignment to the community based RRH intervention lowers the rate at which families use costly transitional housing programs.[1]
    - Within the crisis response system, the higher costs of emergency shelter and transitional housing programs do not yield improved outcomes for families when compared to the outcomes of families offered rapid re-housing.
    - In the absence of a sufficient supply of long-term subsidies for families experiencing homelessness, rapid re-housing becomes the most useful response for communities seeking to assist homeless families, as the lower cost of rapid re-housing enables communities to serve more families with their limited resources.

- **Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP): Year 3 & Final Program Summary**
  - Publisher and Publication Date: HUD, 2016
  - Data collection period: FFY 2010-2012
  - Link: https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/5053/hprp-year-3-summary-and-apr-analysis/

[1] In the study "usual care" is defined as: Emergency shelter and housing or services that families can access without immediate referral to a program that would provide them with a place to live.

- Key Rapid Re-housing Findings
  - More than two-thirds (67.2%) of year 3 HPRP RRH exiters were stably housed at exit.
  - In 6 months or less, 63.9% of HPRP RRH program exiters during year 3, had left the program.

- **Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) FY 2016 Annual Report**
  - Publisher and Publication Date: VA, 2017
  - Data collection period: FFY 2016
  - Link: https://www.va.gov/HOMELESS/ssvf/docs/SSVF_FY2016_Annual_Report_508c.pdf
  - Key Rapid Re-housing Findings
    - Nearly four in five Veterans (78%) exiting SSVF rapid re-housing programs successfully ended their homelessness and moved into permanent housing.
    - Of the literally homeless Veterans who received rapid re-housing services, 48% were living in unsheltered situations (including outdoor and vehicle locations) at entry.
    - More than half (51%) of literally homeless Veterans who were assisted by SSVF to move into permanent housing were able to do so in 30 days or less; one-third (32%) were able to move in within two weeks. The average time from program entry to permanent housing for homeless Veterans who exited the program was 50 days.
    - The average length of participation in SSVF rapid re-housing among the 50,219 Veterans who exited during FY 2016 was 125 days.
    - SSVF assisted a total of 67,953 literally homeless Veterans. Nationwide, the equivalent of 56% of all homeless sheltered Veterans received help from SSVF in exiting homelessness.

Crosswalk of Selected Rapid Rehousing Study Data

	Family Options	HPRP	RRHD	SSVF
Total RRH Households in Study	569	~140,000	490	68,706
Average Days to Housing Placement	n/a	n/a	n/a	50 days
Average Months in Program	7-8 months	3-6 months	6-12 months	4 months
% Exits to Permanent Housing (PH)	68%*	67%	90%	78%
% Returns to Homelessness within 12 months	n/a	n/a	10%	Households w/Children 12% Households without children 16%
Cost per Household	$6,578 (compared to $32,557 for Transitional Housing)	$2,969	n/a	$3,872**
Families using RRH (Households w/children)	599	n/a	483	8,672 (13% of RRH households were families)
Heads of Household with 1 or more disabilities	21%	n/a	16%	59% had a disabling condition***
HH's with very low income	83% not working at entry	n/a	90% <30% AMI at entry	74% <30% AMI at entry

* 68% housed in their own unit at 18 month follow up survey

**SSVF average cost per household includes homelessness prevention and rapid rehousing households

*** This data shows SSVF rapid re-housing Veterans (not strictly heads of household).