



COVID-19 Chicago CoC Peer Sharing Session

August 7th, 2020

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

COVID-19 Chicago CoC Weekly Webinars

- All Chicago has created a COVID-19 Response Team and is actively working to support our many partner agencies during this challenging and quickly changing time.
- We have been alternating Peer Sharing Webinars and All Chicago/DFSS/CDPH webinars every other Friday.
- **Today is the last day we will be using this alternating format.** We will be going to a different format/frequency for both Peer Sharing and All Chicago/DFSS/CDPH updates.
- We will share more information on the date/time/topic of the next webinar via email.




Peer Sharing Webinar Goals



Dedicated time for people & agencies in the CoC



Sharing questions, strategies, resources



Working toward solutions and common understanding

Today's Topic

Housing First & COVID-19

1. Key elements of housing first
2. Expedited Housing Initiative (EHI) & housing first
3. Housing provider panel discussion



Key Elements of Housing First

- Immediate access to permanent housing options without housing readiness requirements.
- Individualized and client-driven supports.
- Community and social integration.
- Focus on housing stability.



Removal of Housing Readiness Requirements

- Underlying issues that contributed to homelessness are best addressed once a person is stably housed.
- Low barrier admission policies – participants not screened out based on substance use, criminal record, credit, completion of treatment, behaviors, income, etc.



Individualized and Client-Driven Supports

- Create person-centered solutions to specific housing and service needs
- Tailor supports to the individual
- People will have different paths
- Services are voluntary for the participant



Community and Social Integration

- Connect participants to their communities based on needs and interests.
- Participants are integrated into open market rental units.
- Educate Landlords and community members to support inclusion & myth bust stereotypes.

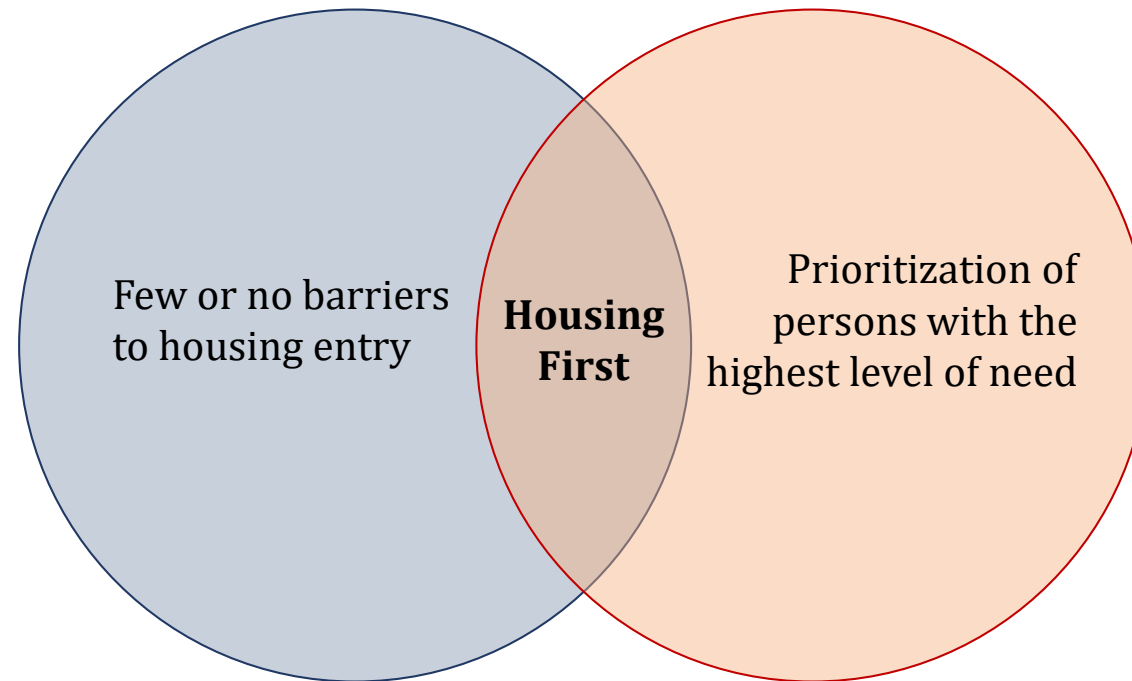


Focus on Housing Stability

- Continued tenancy is not dependent on participation in services.
- Educate participants about their housing, tenancy, and fair housing rights.
- Residents have leases and tenant protections.
- Prevent evictions.



Housing First at the Community Level



Graphic developed by HomeBase/The Center for Common Concerns



System Characteristics

- Systemic Alignment
- Coordinated Entry System
- Policies and Procedures
- Collaborative Decision Making



Housing First & Expedited Housing Initiative

Karen Kowal – Director of CoC Programs, All Chicago



Panelists

Sherri Allen-Reeves – Associate Director, Matthew House

Betsy Carlson – Director of Youth Programs, The Night Ministry

Debbie Culpepper – Director of Grants & Contracts, Featherfist



Panel Discussion

What adaptations have you made in order to support a housing first approach during this time?



Panel Discussion

Has COVID-19 impacted levels of engagement with program participants?

Has it impacted individualized, person-centered services?



Panel Discussion

Has COVID-19 impacted housing stability for participants at your agency?



Panel Discussion

Are there any successes or challenges related to housing first during COVID-19 that you'd like to share?



Audience Questions

Are there any questions from the audience?

Please type your questions into the question pane.



Next Webinar

COVID-19 Update Webinar from All Chicago, DFSS, and CDPH

August 21, 2020

1:00-2:00pm

Same registration link as today.



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