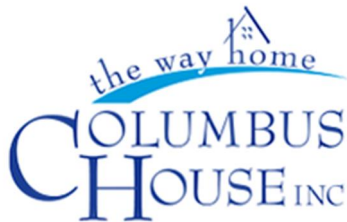




Innovative Solutions to End Homelessness

Journey Home, and specifically Matt Morgan and Amanda Girardin, have been the project's biggest cheerleaders. Excited to see a model that operationalized their Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness, they hired their Patient Navigator and hit the ground running. New to the arena of direct service provision, Journey Home pulled in local partners, such as Hands On Hartford, to help them navigate the waters of housing stability services. Housing at least 36 clients with first-class navigation, they have recently executed a smooth transition to Hands On Hartford as part of a selfless act towards ensuring the SIF program's sustainability through integration into a multiservice community provider. Congratulations, Journey Home.



With leadership from Alison Cunningham and Lisbette de la Cruz, Columbus House also hit the ground running with this model, literally. Quick to locate the targeted hard-to-serve clients, they used their already well-honed skills to begin the task of finding those already in desperate need of housing. They hit the streets and the highway underpasses and the woods and anywhere else they could think of to find the individuals that had been identified by the data match between Medicaid and HMIS. Their efforts in housing at least 59 clients have highlighted the need to embed strong out-reach into the model. They truly understand what it means to serve those in the greatest need. Congratulations, Columbus House.



Our Fairfield County friends always like to do things big and to push the limits. With leadership from David Rich and Kathy Hunter, they worked with the SIF model to push the geographical limits of the program as they challenged us to think regionally about their efforts. Stamford and Norwalk, in addition to Bridgeport are now involved in the project. Integrating the project into their Community Care Teams and partnering with area hospitals has paid off handsomely. Spearheading regional cooperative efforts including the federal Healthcare and Housing (H2) Initiative for Connecticut has kept them in the national spotlight while they worked to house 51 clients. Congratulations, Supportive Housing Works.



Long before there was a project called the Connecticut Integrated Housing and Healthcare Neighborhoods, long before there were positions called Patient Navigators, long before Medicaid data met HMIS, there was little ol' New London Homeless Hospitality doing what we now affectionately call SIF. Cathy Zall and more recently David Gonzalez-Rice and their team have always approached a problem with the same mindset: "Get it done." They have gotten SIF "done" in New London, housing 18 clients and providing us with valuable lessons and insights on systems integration and program collaboration in order to maximize local resources, including working closely with the area hospital and local Coordinated Access Network. Congratulations, New London Homeless Hospitality Center.