

## FROM INCARCERATION TO THRIVING



Our justice-focused work is centered on prevention and reducing recidivism. The results are clear. When systems like jails and hospitals connect those they discharge to housing and support services, these individuals are more likely to remain housed, rebuild their lives and thrive in their community.

## ABOUT CSH

CSH is a national nonprofit and certified CDFI that advances supportive housing solutions to improve the lives of people who experience complex barriers to housing. CSH works to achieve its mission by advocating for effective policies and funding, investing in communities through loans and grants, and strengthening the supportive housing field with training, technical assistance, and consulting. CSH helps communities move away from crisis response, optimize their public resources, and ensure a better future for everyone. Visit [www.csh.org](http://www.csh.org).

### How Supportive Housing Stops the Cycle of Institutionalization

**The Community Transition Program (CTP)**, funded by the **Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services**, provides transitional recovery support, including housing, to individuals exiting Ohio's prison system and who have participated in recovery services while incarcerated. CSH manages the housing component, including supportive housing for people needing more intensive support.

**Returning Home Ohio (RHO)**, a partnership between the **Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction** and **CSH**, launched in 2007 with a pilot of 84 units. The program has since expanded and now operates in nine counties serving each of the state's correctional facilities. **Today, RHO has connected more than 1,000 individuals with homes**, which helped them break the cycle of institutionalization.

CSH's signature initiative, **FUSE**, helps communities break the cycle of homelessness and crisis among individuals with complex medical and behavioral health challenges who frequently rotate between emergency rooms, jails, shelters, clinics, and other costly crisis services. CSH FUSE has been formally evaluated and showed impressive reductions in using expensive crisis services and significantly improved housing retention. More than 30 communities implementing FUSE are seeing positive results. For more information, please visit [www.csh.org/fuse](http://www.csh.org/fuse).



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**Denver Social Impact Bond (SIB) Initiative** formally evaluated what happens when people entrenched in the cycle of homelessness and jail attain housing and services as an intervention. SIB was based on an innovative financing "Pay for Success" model that repays public and private investments in social/human services based on improved outcomes. The Denver SIB was a five-year study that identified more than 700 individuals who were chronically homeless, had numerous arrests, and were battling substance use and mental health challenges. Roughly half were randomly selected to receive housing and services, and the remaining half, the control group, received services as they encountered them. After three years, 77% of participants who received housing and services remained stably housed, had 34% reduced police interactions, and had 40% fewer arrests compared to the control group. For more information, please visit [www.csh.org/denversib](http://www.csh.org/denversib).

## Prevention & Reducing Recidivism Program Outcomes

More than three-quarters of individuals released from prison will re-offend within five years, and over two-thirds will be rearrested within only three years. Supportive housing reverses these statistics by providing stability and support that prevents recidivism.

**7%**

recidivism

**7% of CTP participants returned to prison within three years, compared to 32.4%\* among all those released from ODRC for the same period.**

**1,234**

people housed

**As of April 2023, 1,234 people have been housed through the Ohio CTP program.**

**91%**

avoided  
exiting to jail

**Year after year, 9% or fewer people served by RHO or CTP exit to incarceration (prison or jail).**

**290%**

more service days

**RHO participants received an average of 290% percent more service days than a comparison group.**

**60%**

avoided  
recidivism

**RHO participants were 60% less likely to return to prison than the comparison group.**

**SUCCESS STORY** "Joseph" was referred to the CTP program following his fifth incarceration. He had been cycling in and out of prison since 1985. Despite his past, he indicated to his housing case manager that he wanted this time to be different—"I want to] step up to the plate, change my life and change my mindset." His housing provider, TASC of Northwest Ohio, helped him to locate a safe and secure apartment in the Toledo area. In four short months, he was able to reinstate his driver's license and secure full-time employment, while attending 3-4 NA meetings per week to support his ongoing recovery efforts. Thanks to the CTP program, Joseph feels positive about his future, **"Not everyone is given the opportunity to be assisted with housing, especially someone in my situation. I feel blessed."**

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