

A close-up photograph of a man's hand holding a set of keys. The man is smiling and looking towards the camera. The background is a warm, out-of-focus indoor setting. The keys are silver and have several keys attached to a ring.

Navigating and Securing Housing Units for Youth and Family Housing Vouchers

April 1, 2024

Welcome!

We'll Begin Shortly

You are muted to ensure sound quality.

This call is being recorded and will be mailed to registrants and available online within one week.

Share comments or ask questions at any time by raising your hand to be unmuted or typing into the chat

We encourage people to unmute but ask everyone to be respectful (one voice/one mic)

Camera optional

How We Are Building **Thriving** **Communities**

Guided by our **2023-2027 Strategic Plan**, CSH focuses on building equitable and thriving communities with universal access to **housing** and **services**, and opportunities to achieve **economic security**.

FOCUS AREAS



HOUSING

SERVICES

**ECONOMIC
SECURITY**

One Roof

One Roof is a national initiative bringing together housing and child welfare partners to strengthen families.

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2024 Family & Youth Housing Vouchers Peer Learning Series

Series of moderated discussions amongst peers that will support child welfare and housing agencies to maximize access to and utilization of housing vouchers that will:

- Advance equitable outcomes
- Promote thriving for families and young adults
- Support family preservation, reunification and young adult transitions

**First Monday of the month at 10 am PST / 12 noon CST / 1 pm EST
February, April, June, August, October & December**



Today's Objectives

Explore different strategies for securing housing units and maintaining partnerships with landlords for the successful implementation of voucher programs.

Hear from a diverse group of peers to discuss challenges, successes, and changes in child welfare, housing, and related fields.

Identify ways to advance your work at the intersection of housing and child welfare and continue timely discussions in supportive housing and child welfare.

Today

Welcome

Spotlight: Securing Units

Breakout Rooms

Large Group

Next Steps & Close

Poll

What sector are you representing?

- Child Welfare (public child welfare agency, legal/judicial, etc.)
- Housing (public housing agency, developer, etc.)
- Supportive Services Provider
- Researcher & Policy
- Education (K-12, Colleges University)
- Homeless Response System
- Family Resource Center
- Other



Poll

What is the primary challenge your organization encounters when assisting clients in securing housing from landlords or property managers who accept FUP and/or FYI vouchers in your community?

- Limited availability of affordable housing stock
- Stigma from landlords/property managers against clients with poor credit, justice involvement, or prior evictions
- Costs associated with property damage and maintenance
- Lack of incentives for private landlords/property managers to accept housing choice vouchers
- Difficulty in identifying and establishing relationships with landlords
- Other (please specify in the chat)



Family **Unification** Program

Special purpose Housing Choice Voucher program administered by a Public Housing Authority (PHA), in partnership with Public Child Welfare Agency (PCWA) and Continuum of Care (CoC).

FUP is designed to serve:

Families for whom the lack of adequate housing is a primary factor in:

- The imminent placement of the family's child or children in out-of-home care, - OR -
- The delay in the discharge of the child or children to the family from out-of-home care.

Youth/young adults ages 18 to 24 who:

- Left foster care at age 16 or older, or will leave foster care within 90 days, and
- Is currently or at risk of experiencing homelessness.



Foster **Youth** to Independence

Special purpose Housing Choice Voucher program administered by a Public Housing Authority (PHA), in partnership with Public Child Welfare Agency (PCWA) and other entities such as Continuum of Care (CoC).

FYI is designed to serve youth/young adults ages 18-24 who:

- Left foster care at age 16 or older, or will leave foster care within 90 days, and
- Is currently or at risk of experiencing homelessness.





Spotlight on Examples

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Breakout Rooms

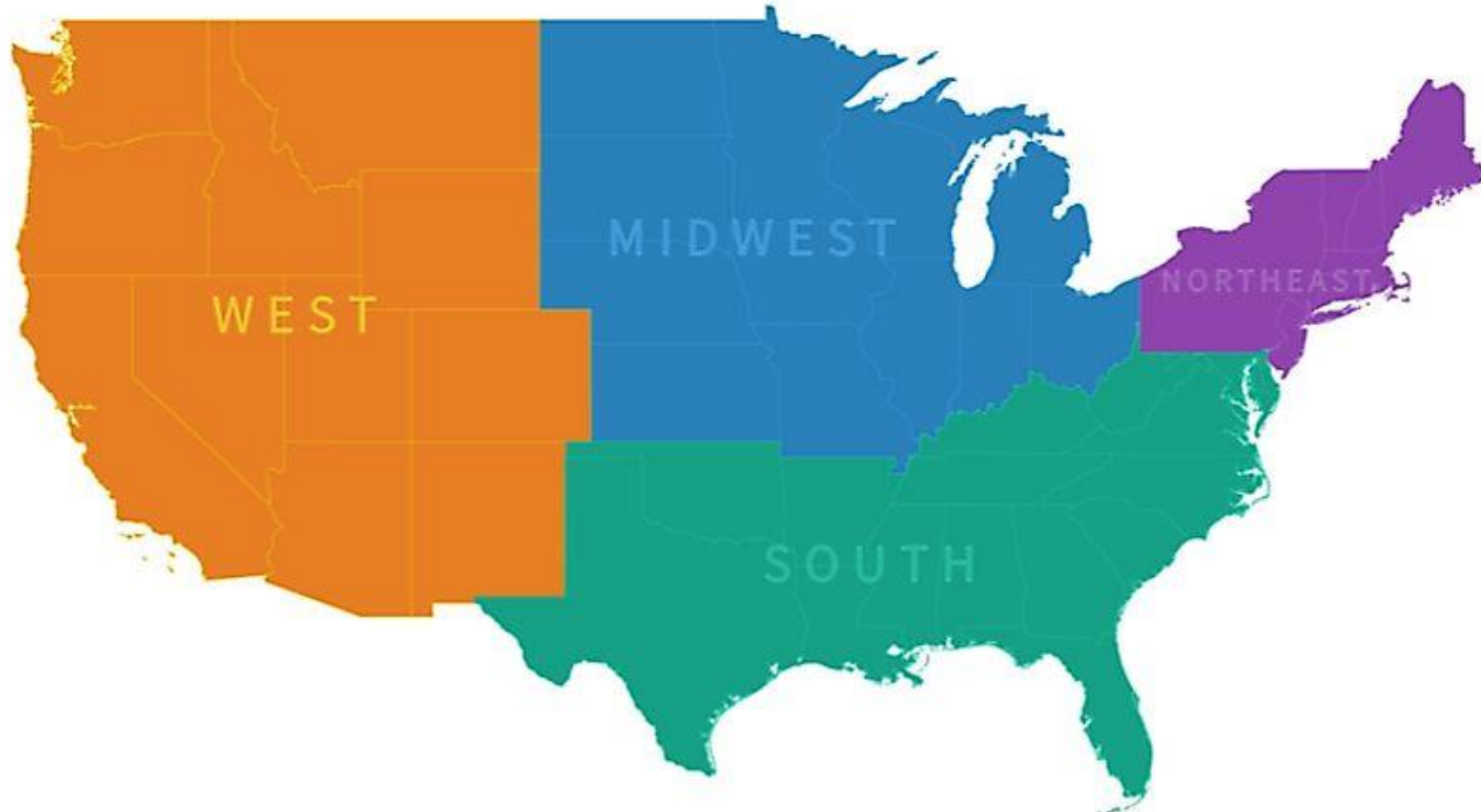
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Small Group Discussions

Introduce yourselves, Name, pronouns, location, agency and role at agency

1. What have you seen to be effective in getting applicants with vouchers placed?
2. What barriers have you seen to getting applicants with vouchers placed? How have you/your community problem-solved for those barriers?

Please self-select into breakout rooms based on your geographical location



Regroup and Share Out

What themes and takeaways were discussed in your small group?

Were there any innovative strategies to get applicants with vouchers placed shared in your small group?



In the Chat

What new strategies will you utilize to place individuals with vouchers in units?



June Peer Learning Session

June 3rd @ 10-11:30 AM PT/ 1-2:30 PM ET

Topic and registration instructions will be sent next week



Resources

- ❑ [Housing Vouchers for Youth Exiting Foster Care | CSH](#)
- ❑ [Child Welfare Family Housing Voucher Briefs | CSH](#)
- ❑ [Family Unification Vouchers | HUD](#)
- ❑ [Foster Youth to Independence | HUD](#)
- ❑ [Housing and Child Welfare Resource Hub | One Roof](#)
- ❑ [Source of Income Protections](#)



2 Question Evaluation

How was today?

What topics for future peer learning
sessions?



Thank you!

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