



Worksheet: Menu of Housing Interventions for Families

This worksheet provides an overview of the most common housing models and interventions, from short-term housing to long-term housing. It is important to provide families with timely access to housing options that meet their unique needs. However, communities often have limited housing resources and mismatches between family needs and available housing options. This worksheet helps community leaders understand the various housing models and identify strengths, gaps, and opportunities within their current family housing resources. By identifying these gaps, communities can develop strategies that keep families stably housed.

This worksheet can be used alongside the [Framework for Identifying and Addressing Family Housing Stability](#). This worksheet enables communities to evaluate current housing resources. The framework helps communities identify family housing needs and work with cross-sector partners to address housing instability.

Housing Intervention	Related Information	Notes and Updates
Eviction Prevention	<p>For families at risk of losing their current housing due to lease violations and/or eviction notices.</p> <p>Eviction prevention services are intended to keep families in their current housing by mitigating factors that may cause eviction.</p> <p>Eviction prevention services typically look like:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Legal assistance and advocacy• Rental assistance• Utility assistance• Mediation between property management and tenant <p>And may extend to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Connections to concrete supports and public benefits<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ TANF, SNAP, WIC, Medicaid/healthcare, childcare	



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Emergency Shelter	<p>For families who have no other place to stay.</p> <p>Family emergency shelters are intended to provide time-limited shelter to families who have no other option for temporary or permanent housing. Family emergency shelter should be considered as a last resort when seeking housing options.</p> <p>Family emergency shelter typically looks like:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extremely short-term overnight stays • On-site supportive services • Crisis nurseries • Domestic violence shelters • Referrals to family’s most immediate needs (emergency healthcare, childcare, food pantries, formula, etc.) 	
Transitional Housing	<p>For families in need of rental assistance and services.</p> <p>Transitional housing is intended to provide medium-term (average 18-24 months) temporary housing with rental assistance and services.</p> <p>Transitional housing typically looks like:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site-based: the transitional housing program owns building(s) to lease units to tenants while providing a rental subsidy and services OR • Scattered site: the transitional housing program provides a rental subsidy and services to tenants in units scattered throughout the jurisdiction • Supportive services that encourage family stability and tenancy skills needed for permanent housing 	



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Flexible Funding	<p>Flexible, family centered options allowing timely, low barrier resources that enhance family housing stability.</p> <p>Direct Cash Transfers: Often one-time or time-limited monthly payments directly to families, allowing them to move into and/or remain stably in housing. Families can choose how to best cover their housing-related expenses.</p> <p>Flexible funding programs: Funds allowing community programs to provide resources in innovative and adaptive ways tailored to meet specific housing and service needs and circumstances of each family. Often can stabilize families that may not be eligible or appropriate for other housing interventions by providing short to medium term support.</p>	
Rapid Re-housing	<p>For families in need of short-term rental assistance and services.</p> <p>Rapid re-housing is intended to provide short-term (6 months-2 years) temporary housing through rental assistance and services.</p> <p>Rapid re-housing typically looks like:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site-based: rapid re-housing program owns building(s) to lease units to tenants while providing a rental subsidy and services OR • Scattered site: rapid re-housing program provides a rental subsidy and services to tenants in units scattered throughout the jurisdiction <p>Supportive services that encourage family stability and tenancy skills needed for permanent housing</p>	



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Rental Assistance	<p>For families in need of permanent housing with a rent subsidy due to low family income.</p> <p>Affordable housing is housing where rent and utility payments are no more than 30% of the family’s household income. Public Housing Authorities own and manage affordable housing buildings and units and provide various rental subsidies to families to ensure the housing is affordable.</p> <p>Affordable housing typically looks like:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site-based: the Public Housing Authority owns building(s) to lease units to tenants while providing a subsidy to ensure affordability OR • Scattered site: the Public Housing Authority provides a rental subsidy to tenants in units scattered throughout the jurisdiction <p>Public Housing Authority subsidies for families typically includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing Choice Vouchers • Tenant Based Rental Assistance • Family Unification Program vouchers • Foster Youth to Independence vouchers <p>Public Housing Authorities may offer others supports such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landlord risk mitigation funds • Landlord incentives 	



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Supportive Housing	<p>For families in need of affordable, permanent housing with a standard lease and voluntary wraparound services such as case management, tenancy supports, mental health, substance use, intellectual and developmental disability, and employment services.</p> <p>Supportive housing is affordable housing where rent and utility payments are no more than 30% of the family’s household income that provides wraparound, voluntary supportive services for each family member.</p> <p>Supportive housing typically looks like:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site-based: the supportive housing program owns building(s) to lease units to tenants while providing a subsidy to ensure affordability and wraparound voluntary supportive services to each family member OR • Scattered site: the supportive housing program provides a rental subsidy to tenants in units scattered throughout the jurisdiction and wraparound voluntary supportive services to each family member • Population-focused (families, aging adults, transitional aged youth, etc.) <p>Quality supportive housing for families should be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tenant and family centered • Quick to access • Coordinated • Sustainable 	



Glossary

Affordable housing	Housing is considered affordable when a person or household does not pay more than 30% of their monthly income toward rent and utilities and never pays more than 50%.
Emergency shelter	Any facility that provides temporary shelter for someone experiencing homelessness or for specific populations of the homeless (e.g. families, youth) and does not require people to sign leases or occupancy agreements.
Eviction	Court-ordered move out of the person living in the home or apartment because the tenant has violated the rental agreement or lease or did not comply with a notice ending the tenancy.
Rapid re-housing	Short-term housing, usually less than 24 months, provides rental assistance and services. The goals are to help people obtain housing quickly, increase self-sufficiency, and stay housed.
Scattered site	A programmatic aspect of housing programs where units are scattered across a geography, often with 1-3 units per building (e.g. housing vouchers)
Site-based	A programmatic aspect of housing programs where units are all located on a single site, often within 1-3 buildings on the same property.
Supportive housing	Supportive housing combines affordable housing with services that help people who have experienced homelessness find safety, support, and care.
Supportive services	Services that may help a person move into supportive housing, and that assist people with living successfully in housing.
Transitional housing	Temporary housing (up to 24 months) that is designed to provide homeless individuals and families with interim stability and support to successfully move to and maintain permanent housing.

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