



Rapid Rehousing - Philadelphia

**Things You Need to Know to Get Started as a
Rapid Re-Housing Provider**

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Introductions and Objectives for our Session

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Objectives:

- 1) Better understand the Rapid Rehousing (RRH) approach
- 2) Figure out whether RRH could be a good fit for our organization
- 3) Identify additional questions that can help us answer (1) and (2)

A background image showing a pair of hands holding a small, white, paper-made house model. The house has two square windows and a pitched roof. The entire scene is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter. The hands are positioned as if presenting the model to the viewer.

POLL QUESTION:

Who is in the room for this discussion?

Rapid Re-Housing (RRH)
ends homelessness for
families and individuals.

RRH HELPS



FIND HOUSING

Help people quickly find housing within one month or less.

PAY FOR HOUSING

Help people pay for housing short term; longer-term help an option.

STAY IN HOUSING

Help access services so people can stay in housing.

The **Core Components** of Rapid Re-Housing help people **find** housing fast, **pay** for housing, and **stay** in housing.


Salt Lake County and Philadelphia

	<u><i>Salt Lake County UT</i></u>	<u><i>Philadelphia</i></u>
2020 population	1.2M	1.5M
2020 Point in Time Count	3,131	5,634
Change from 2019 PIT	Up 12 %	Down 2 %

SLC: Cold, snowy winters with insufficient winter shelter; dispersed shelter system divided by populations (men, single individuals, families with children)




Evolution of RRH in Salt Lake City

- 2006 - Started with a pilot to alleviate winter shelter space for families
 - 2007/2008 - Other pilots, still with families – different methods
 - 2009-2012 - HPRP, still with families (180 families in 2008 to over 700 in 2010)
 - 2012 - Piloted RRH for single, non-CH individuals
 - 2012 - SSVF
 - 2013 - Piloted RRH as initial intervention for all households
 - 2014 - Full scale implementation of RRH in a Progressive Engagement model – most households leave homelessness with RRH
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What is Rapid Rehousing?

- A system intervention to move households out of homelessness and back into the community as quickly as possible
 - Time limited housing and support intervention
 - Once no longer homeless, supportive services help optimize stability
 - Providers help create connections for the household that will support them in the community
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What RRH Does and Doesn't Do

Rapid Re-Housing Does


- Reduce the length of time people experience homelessness
- Minimize the negative impact of homelessness on their lives
- Assist people to access resources that can help with personal goals

Rapid Re-Housing Does Not

- Eliminate poverty
 - Assure people will have affordable housing (to pay 30% or less of their income to rent)
 - Protect people from the impact of life losses or challenging situations
 - Eliminate housing mobility
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Additional Foundational Thoughts

- It's impossible for homeless systems and programs to help every household overcome every hurdle. We should help move them toward stability (community resources)
 - Households you are serving have not always been homeless. They should not have to be connected to the homeless system forever
 - People we serve have strength, self determination and resilience
 - Adapt or die: more households are homeless—systems and programs can and must adjust
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Why Try RRH?

- Evidence shows we cannot predict who will stabilize in housing and who will not
 - Once a household is housed, they are no longer homeless. We can shift the support to be home based instead of street or shelter based
 - We want to assist the largest number of households we can
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RRH Works

- Reduces lengths of shelter stays
 - Supports flow in the system
 - Costs of RRH are lower than other types of housing (in most cases)
 - Over many years, ~80% of households do not return to homelessness
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Challenges to Watch for and Manage

- Rental markets are tight – how can we increase the housing stock we have access to?
 - Rents are high – do what is possible to find reasonable rental units
 - Finance systems must be able to cut checks and track \$ quickly
 - Caseloads can get high
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COMMUNITY PERSPECTIVE:

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BRAINSTORM:

Benefits and Challenges of Rapid
Rehousing



RRH Resources

- Core Components of Rapid Rehousing: <http://endhomelessness.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/2016-fy-slides-rrh-core-components.pdf>
 - <https://endhomelessness.org/resource/rapid-re-housing-a-history-and-core-components/>
 - What to consider when thinking about whether a household is stable and who to extend for additional RRH resources: <http://endhomelessness.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/Road-Home-Stability-Conversation-Guide.pdf>
 - Negotiating points for landlords: Core Components of Rapid Rehousing <https://endhomelessness.org/resource/rapid-re-housing-landlord-benefits-checklist-2/>
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HOPE you are interested
and want to learn more
about RRH!

Join us for “Office Hours – open Q & A”
on Tuesday, December 15 at 1 PM