

SCATTERED SITE HOUSING

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Citrus Health Network

- HAND Program (Prevention/RRH Lead Agency)
- HUD-designated Safe Haven
- Only LGBT Housing program in Miami-Dade County
- Housing for youth aging out of Foster Care
- 500+ Units of PSH
- FQHC, CMHC, etc.



What is “Scattered Site?”

- Housing payment subsidy (HUD FMR)
- ACT look-alike (case management, behavioral and nursing provided in-home)
- Scattered-site vs Project-based
- Low demand model/Housing First
- Community Integration



Funding

- HUD CoC
- Local Food & Beverage Tax
- RRH: Federal, State and Local (HOME, SHIP, ESG, Challenge...)



Housing First - Literally

- HUD FMR, Housing Quality Standards (HQS)
- Landlord Recruitment
 - Dedicated Staff
 - Mitigation funds
 - Flexible Leases
 - Pre-Inspection
- Tenant/Participant Choice – Find a happy medium
 - Ideal: Tenant is moved based on needs and preferences
 - Reality: Tenant is moved into first place that they accept



Housing First - Literally

- Utilities – alternative funds can help pay for deposits, sometimes ongoing utility payments (LIHEAP)
- Commitments/Master Accounts
- To Include or Not to Include
- Master Leasing – Great Idea or Terrible, terrible mistake?



If Housing is First, What Comes Second?

- Services are a MUST...well, maybe
 - Low-demand doesn't mean No-demand
 - In-Home:
 - Case Management
 - Behavioral
 - Nursing
 - Outpatient:
 - PCP
 - Psychiatry
 - MAT
- Assertive Engagement



If Housing is First, What Comes Second?

- Evidence-Based Practices – Don't Reinvent the Wheel
 - SAMHSA PSH Toolkit/Fidelity Measure
 - Motivational Interviewing
 - Mental Health First Aid
 - Trauma-Informed Care
 - De-Escalation/CPI (maybe)
 - Harm Reduction – say it with me: “we are not the police”
- Weekly Treatment Team Meetings/Rounds



Tricks of the Trade

- Housing Search
 - Convincing Landlords – Double Security Deposits, 30-day Notices
 - Landlord Hotline
 - Match the client to the neighborhood, building, landlord
- Get to Know Your Clients
 - Don't get tied down: zero-tolerance, three strikes, meetings
 - Anticipate problems, creative solutions (rep payee, pay for moves)
- Layer Funding/Services
 - Medicaid, DCF
 - PAP, Food bank/Farm Share

