THP+: A Housing First Model for Emancipated Foster Youth

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Overview

- Description of THP+ program in California
- Finding and securing adequate housing
- Developing a case plan and support to maintain housing to transition in place
- Advocating at the local level to ensure youth are part of housing plan

THP+ The California Plan

- Up to 24 months of subsidy and case management for emancipated foster or juvenile justice youth & young families 18 to 24
- Funded by the state to the counties who contract with service providers to implement the program

THP + Models

- Scattered site
  (Housing First Model)
- Host home
- College dorm

Housing Search

Santa Clara County has some of the highest rents and lowest vacancy rates in the nation

Benefits

Offers a rental subsidy

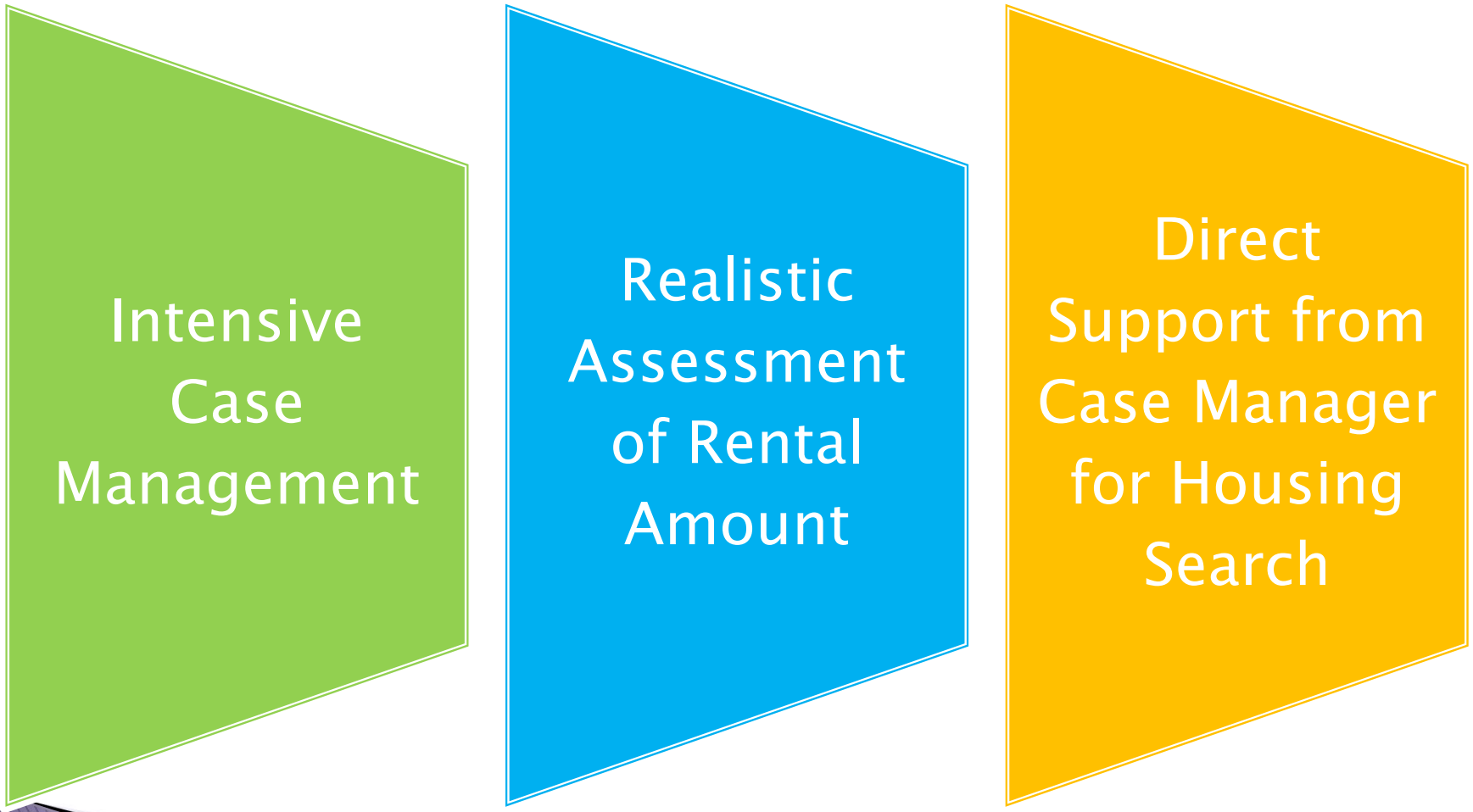
Case Management to resolve tenant issues

Challenges

Age of youth

No rental, employment or credit history

Elements to Successful Housing Search



Case Management

- Key to maintaining housing and enabling youth to transition in place at end of subsidy
- Focus on employment, education, budgeting, saving, and community connections
- Case management meetings held at housing site
- Youth paying into a program fee account the equivalent of monthly rental payment by the end of the subsidy period

Advocacy

- Lack of affordable housing is a crisis in Santa Clara County
- Ensure youth are included in housing element report of the county and the cities in the county
- Work with affordable housing developers to carve out units specifically for this population
- Advocate for funding at county and state level

Questions & Answers

Resources

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