

The Hard Work to Bring Housing and Child Welfare Systems Together

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Tuesday April 10th, 11:00 – 11:50 am

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and stably housed together under **One Roof**.



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KFT Results

Housed and
provided supports
to 29 families in
New York City.

Positive outcomes
for families and
children.

Offered a brighter
future for parents
and kids.



100%
of families with
children in foster care
were reunited

Reduced homeless
shelter use by

491

days per family,
2 years after the pilot



415

fewer days
in foster care
per child



90%

of families stayed in housing



87%

reduction in abuse and
neglect cases

25

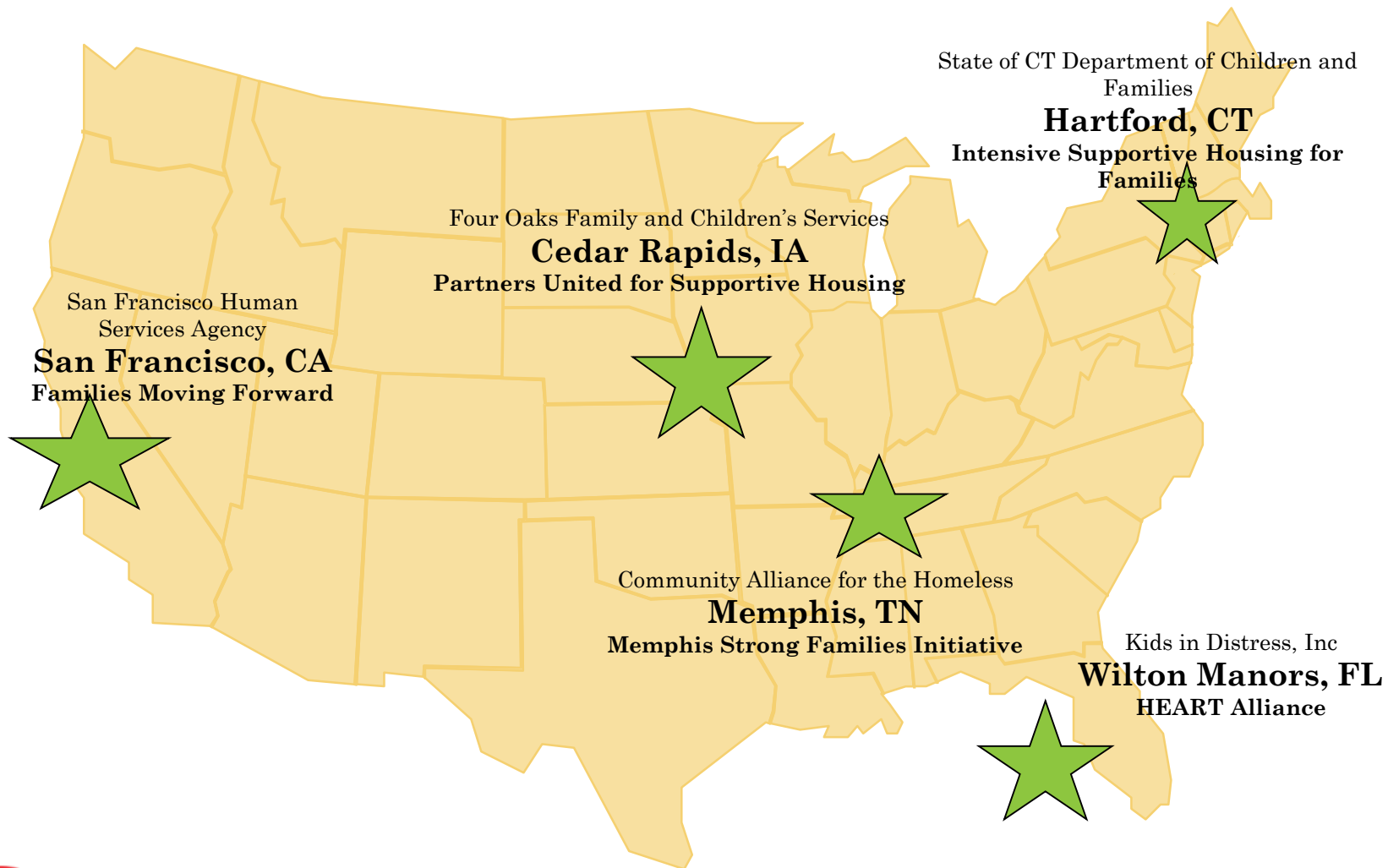
more days of
school attended



\$16,000

saved, per family
per year

National Family Supportive Housing Demonstration



Children's Bureau

An Office of the Administration for Children & Families



Family Context Indicates Need for Collaboration



High rates of homelessness and housing instability:

- 41% literally homeless
- 35% unstably housed
- 45% have history of frequent moves
- 42% have history of past literal homelessness

Across sites, primary caregivers have high needs:

- High rates of mental health issues (58%)
- High rates of substance use (48%)
- High rates of criminal justice involvement (49%)
- High rates of domestic violence (32%)
- High rates of children with high needs (27%)

High Rates of Recurring CW Involvement

- **73%** had prior reports of abuse or neglect.
- **42%** had a history of child welfare services.
- **54%** of the primary caregivers had a history of abuse or neglect.
- **25%** of primary caregivers had experienced placement in foster care as a child.



HEART

(Housing, Empowerment, Achievement, Recovery, Triumph)

Alliance for Sustainable Families



HEART Approach

- Highest Need Families
- Affordable Housing Access
- Intensive Supportive Service Infrastructure
- Housing Coordination
- Service Coordination

HEART Partners

PARTNER	ROLE
KID, Inc. (<i>Kids in Distress</i>)	Lead Community Youth & Family Services Provider: Project Lead Agency; Clinical Case Management
ChildNet	Lead Child Welfare Agency: Referral & Triage Housing Coordinator
Broward Sheriff's Office	Lead Child Protection Agency: Referral & Triage
5 Public Housing Authorities	Housing Choice Voucher Provider & Liaison (<i>50 Vouchers</i>)
HOPE South Florida	Emergency & Transitional Housing
Urban League of Broward County	Economic Self-Sufficiency Provider
Legal Aid of Broward County	Legal Counsel & Guidance
Broward Health	Health Access, Education & Screening
Broward Addiction Recovery Center	Substance Abuse & Behavioral Health Support
Women in Distress	Domestic Violence Prevention
Broward County Homeless Initiative	CoC Lead Agency; CoC Access
Barry University	Local Evaluation
Group Victory, LLC	Planning, Implementation & Sustainability Support

HEART Primary Services Team

PARTNER	ROLE
KID, Inc.	Project Director 5 Clinical Case Managers (10:1 Ratio)
ChildNet	Housing Coordinator
Urban League of Broward County	2 Family Life Coaches
Legal Aid of Broward County	1 Family Attorney

HEART Families

▪ **N = 54 Families / 60 Adults 162 Children**

- **Prevention Families (N = 28)**
(52%)
- **Reunification Families (N = 26)** **(48%)**
- **Extremely Low Income: 30% of area median income**
(100%)
- **Child Welfare Involvement**
(100%)
- **At-Risk & Multiple High Needs**
(100%)
- **Homelessness/Inadequate Housing/Housing Instability**
(100%)

Reunification Outcomes



Reunification		
# Children Reunified	# Families Reunified	Avg. Months to Reunify
69	26	13.9

Pending Reunification		
# of Children Pending Permanency	Children removed following HEART	Children who experienced Secondary Removals
8 2 families	12 6 families	6 2 families

Family Well-being Outcomes

- *Child Developmental Outcomes*

Preliminary evidence shows HEART intervention positively impacts children's mental health with lower rule breaking and other externalizing behaviors for youth in treatment vs. control groups.

- *Family Outcomes*

Significant reduction in the number of group home placements, and institutional placements for the treatment group as compared to the control group.

92.5% housing choice voucher retention creates a sense of security and stability.



ACYF FEDERAL GRANT (2012-2017): PARTNERSHIPS TO DEMONSTRATE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTIVE HOUSING FOR FAMILIES IN THE CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM

Partners: State of Connecticut Department of Children and Families, The Connection, UCONN & Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago

- **Target Population:**

- Families involved in the Department of Children & Families
- Recent substantiation of abuse/neglect (preservation or reunification)
- Homeless/at risk of homelessness
- Multiple, high-risk parent and child service needs

- **Referrals meeting criteria were randomized into one of three experimental groups:**

- Intensive Supportive Housing for Families (ISHF): demonstration model
- Supportive Housing for Families (SHF): existing model
- Business as Usual: DCF Waitlist

CT Housing and Child Welfare Project – Overview and Case Flow

Planning Phase (Oct 2012–July 2013)

ISHF in DCF Region 3 (Fall 2013)

Expansion to Region 4 (2015)

RANDOMIZATION

Open DCF
Case? YES
Severe service
and housing
needs? YES

Level 1
Triage:
DCF
QRAFT

Level 2
Triage:
TCI Eligibility
Verification

ISHF

SHF

BAU

Level 3
Triage:
TCI
Assessment

ISHF
Individualized
Interdisciplinary
Team

SHF Case
Management

DCF Case
Management

Service
Provision (EBIs):
Housing
Parent
Child
Vocational

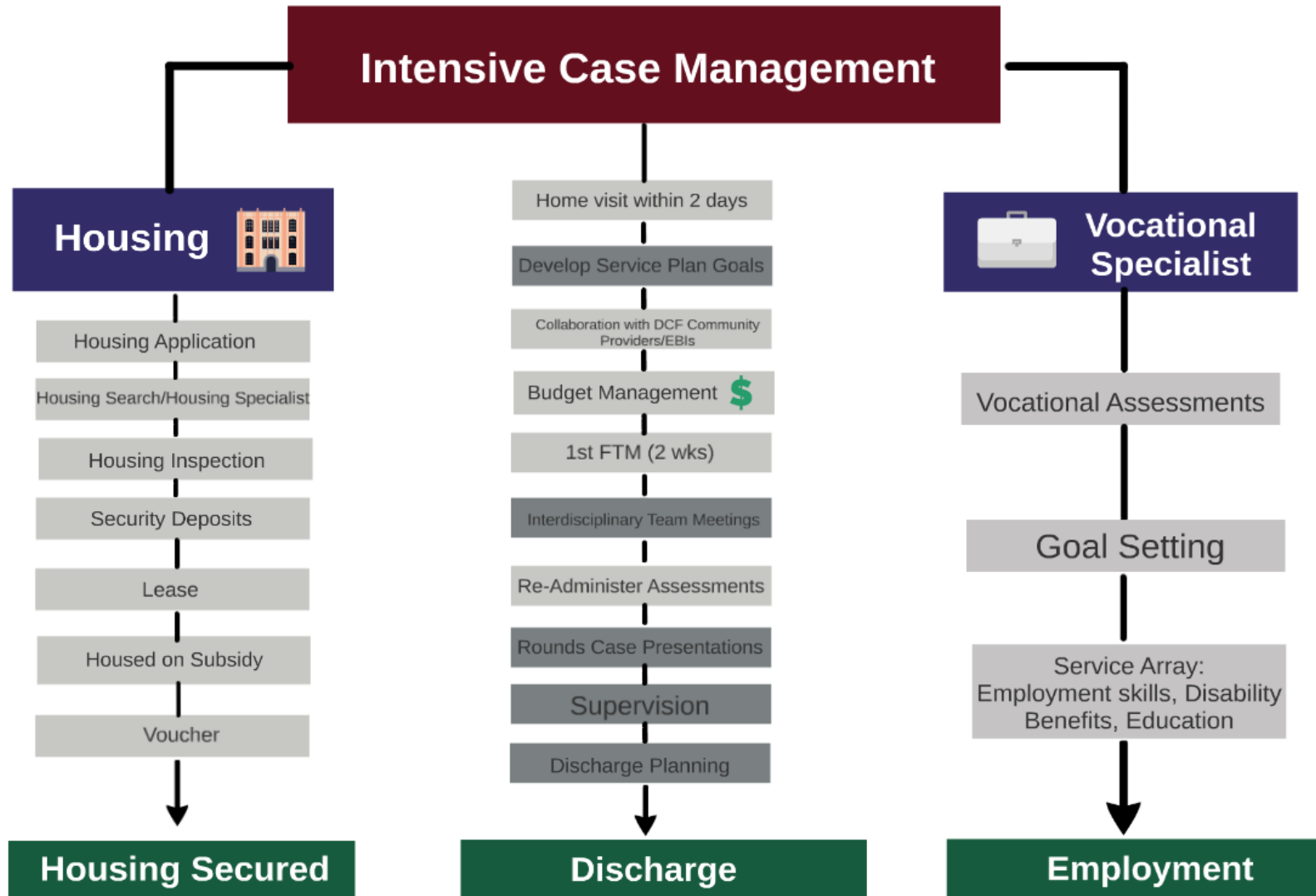
Service
Provision:
Housing
Parent
Child

DCF
Services
Community

Outcome
Monitoring

Cost Study

ISHF Service Model: Core Components



INTERIM FINDINGS: DECEMBER 31, 2017

Outcome Measure	ISHF	Project SHF
Families Successfully Housed	47 (94%) N=50	45 (90%) N= 50
Received Job Training	38 (76%)	10 (20%)
Completed Resume	35 (70%)	17 (34%)
Obtained New Employment	29 (58%)	22 (44%)
Enrolled in School/College	11 (22%)	5 (10%)
Average Length of Stay	19 months N=48	13.6 months N=46
Families with Children Preserved Home	18 (90%) N=20	23 (88%) N=26
Families with Children Reunified Home	14 (50%) N=28	4 (20%) N=20
Families with Children Reunified/Preserved at Discharge	32 (67%) N= 48	27 (59%) N= 46

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QUESTIONS?

Panel & Discussion



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