

We're in this together:

How coordinated care enhances the effectiveness of Housing First interventions

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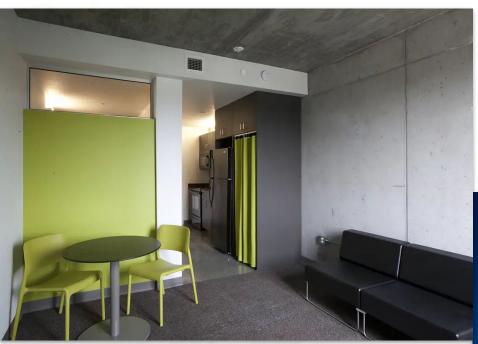
Who's in the room?

Introduce yourself and tell us about your experience with community collaboration.

What have been the joys, trials or surprises of working with partners in other systems/agencies?

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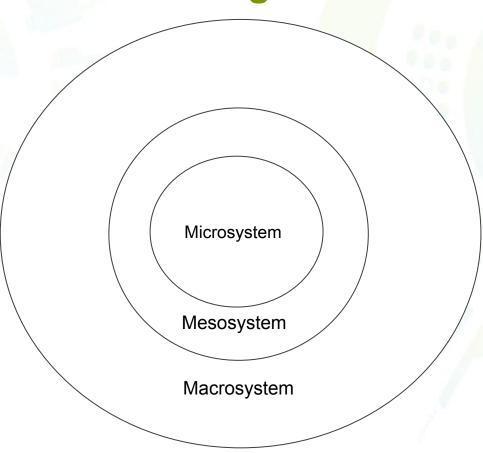


- 130 Unit Single-Site Housing First program with onsite case management support in Portland, Oregon.
- Utilizes the Vulnerability Assessment Tool (VAT) to prioritize the most vulnerable individuals.
- Community partners in the building regularly



Let's talk systems

What systems do Housing First participants interact with on a regular basis?



How to break down silos

- Relationship, Relationship
- Finding Shared Values
- Stay curious, recognize the other's role
- Housing First appeals to many different systems - homeless systems, hospitals, landlords, conservatives/liberals, community members, etc.

The story of HADIN

Homeless Alcohol and Drug Intervention Network

- Formed in 1979 to support Portland's most vulnerable through coordinating care amongst various service organizations
- Shared release of information to discuss clients across multiple agencies and complete systemwide care plans
- Weekly meetings to discuss resources, housing openings, case staffing
- Yearly retreat to bring together multiple community partners and provide training and information for the network
- Online communication platform, Slack, to facilitate coordination between meetings

Barriers to Collaboration

What are the barriers you've experienced to collaborating?

- Lack of time
- Lack of resources
- Limited engagement
- Confidentiality
- Opposing interests
- "Not my responsibility"

Themes of Collaboration

Get into small groups, ideally with new folks!

 Discuss what your community/agency does to work together and support vulnerable individuals- provide examples of collaboration efforts that worked. What is similar, different?

Bring your ideas back to the larger group and share your group's themes!

4 Key Housing First Values

- Consumer Driven Services
- Separation and Coordination of Housing and Clinical Services
- Recovery Orientation
- Community Integration

From the essay "A housing first approach" by Sam Tsemberis and Benjamin F. Henwood found in *Ending Homelessness: Why we haven't, how we can* (2016)



Thank you for your time, feel free to keep the discussion going with your thoughts and questions on the topic of housing first and collaboration with diverse partners

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