



# Navigating the World of Medicaid in Support of Housing First

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# Medicaid...the basics

- **What is Medicaid?**
  - **Program providing health coverage for eligible low income individuals and families as well as those living with disabilities.**
  - **Joint federal-state program administered through Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Service (CMS)**
  - **Medicaid State Plan defines who is eligible, what services are covered and how those services are accessed**

# Medicaid...services

- **What's Covered?**
  - **Medicaid State Plan defines who is eligible, what services are covered and how those services are accessed**
  - **Services covered vary from state to state – determined by State Medicaid Plan**
  - **States can apply to change coverage through a State Plan Amendment (SPA) or State Plan Waiver**
  - **States can apply to Waiver**

# Medicaid and Housing First

- **Housing as a Social Determinant of Health**
  - **Stable housing and services support better health outcomes**
- **Medicaid does not pay for housing**
- **Medicaid can pay for services that help homeless individuals and families obtain housing and maintain residential stability**
- **Reduce healthcare costs by reducing high utilization of emergency departments and inpatient admissions**

# Preparing for the Transition

- **Organizational Leadership**
- **Planning for Challenges**
- **Data/Data Management**
- **Billing and Reporting**



**Pathways** Vermont supports people to live and thrive in the community at times in their lives when they are most distressed: when they are struggling with thoughts of suicide, experiencing homelessness, incarceration, institutionalization, mental health struggles or substance use challenges.



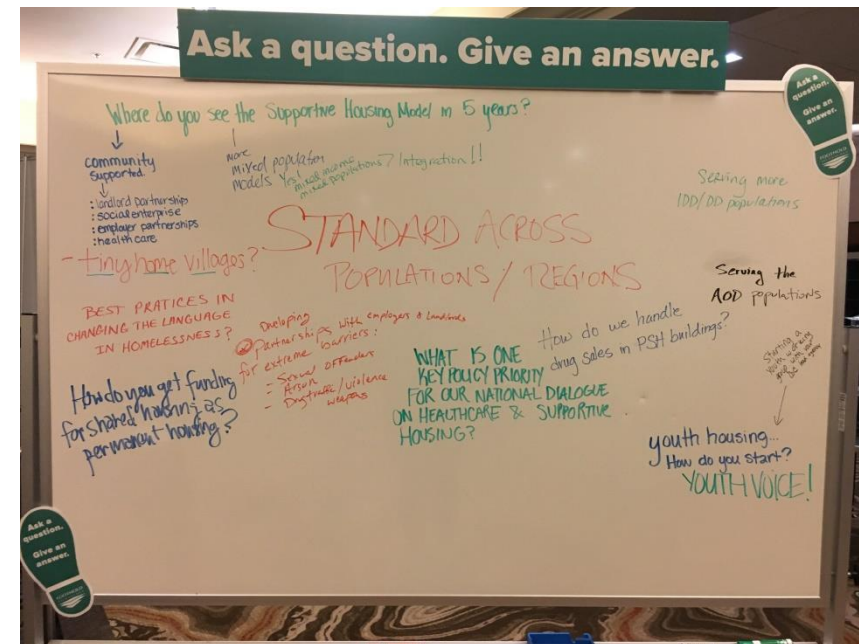
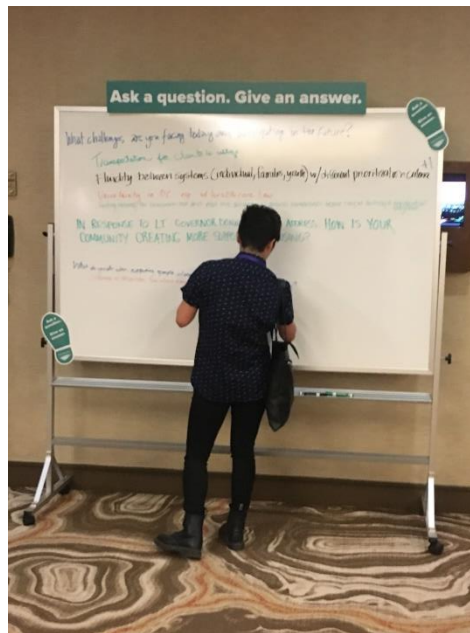
# Resources

- [Supportive Housing Resource Center](#)
- [Corporation for Supportive Housing](#)
- [National Alliance to End Homelessness](#)
- [Medicaid.gov](#)
- [US Interagency Council on Homelessness](#)

# Q&A



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