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# Identification and Referral of Families and Young Adults for Rental Assistance Vouchers

June 3, 2024

# **Welcome!**

## **We'll Begin Shortly**

You are muted to ensure sound quality.

**This call is being recorded and will be mailed to registrants and available online within one week.**

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**We encourage people to unmute but ask everyone to be respectful (one voice/one mic)**

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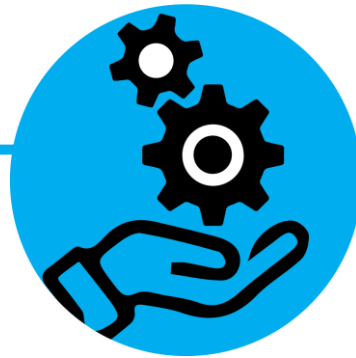
# How We Are Building **Thriving** **Communities**

Guided by our **2023-2027 Strategic Plan**, CSH focuses on building equitable and thriving communities with universal access to **housing** and **services**, and opportunities to achieve **economic security**.

## FOCUS AREAS



**HOUSING**



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# One Roof

**One Roof is a national initiative bringing together housing and child welfare partners to strengthen families and youth.**

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# **2024 Family & Young Adults Peer Learning Series on Housing Vouchers**

Series of moderated discussions among peers that support child welfare and housing agencies to maximize access to and utilization of housing vouchers

Primary Goals include:

- Advance equitable and thriving outcomes for families and young adults
- Support family preservation, reunification and young adult transitions

When: First Monday of February, April, June, August, October & December at  
10 am PT / 12 noon CT / 1 pm ET





# Today's Objectives: Identifying and Referring Families and Young Adults

Share information on how jurisdictions are identifying and referring for vouchers and other rental assistance

Provide time for participants to share common or unique barriers and experiences in identifying and referring to FUP and FYI

Share information on possible solutions or tools

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# Today

Welcome and Introductions

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Spotlight: Identifying and Referring Families and Young Adults with Child Welfare Involvement

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Breakout Rooms

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Large Group

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Next Steps & Close

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# Poll

## What sector are you representing?

- Child Welfare (public child welfare agency, legal/judicial, etc.)
- Housing (public housing agency, developer, etc.)
- Supportive Services Provider
- Researcher & Policy
- Education (K-12, College, University)
- Homeless Response System
- Family Resource Center
- Other





# Family **Unification** Program

Special purpose Housing Choice Voucher program administered by a Public Housing Authority (PHA), in partnership with Public Child Welfare Agency (PCWA) and Continuum of Care (CoC).

## **FUP is designed to serve:**

**Families** for whom the lack of adequate housing is a primary factor in:

- The imminent placement of the family's child or children in out-of-home care, - OR -
- The delay in the discharge of the child or children to the family from out-of-home care.

**Youth/young adults** ages 18 to 24 who:

- Left foster care at age 16 or older, or will leave foster care within 90 days, and
- Is currently or at risk of experiencing homelessness.



# Foster **Youth** to Independence

Special purpose Housing Choice Voucher program administered by a Public Housing Authority (PHA), in partnership with Public Child Welfare Agency (PCWA) and other entities such as Continuum of Care (CoC).

**FYI is designed to serve youth/young adults ages 18-24 who:**

- Left foster care at age 16 or older, or will leave foster care within 90 days, and
- Is currently or at risk of experiencing homelessness.



# Identifying Families and Young Adults

## Questions to Identify & Screen for Housing Stability

- Are you interested in housing resources and support?
- Would you like to be referred for housing resources and supports?
- Are you concerned about your housing?



**Poll:** How many of these questions regarding the families and young adults' **current living situation** would be known by your organization (at any point of involvement)?

1. *Does the family or young adult currently have a lease?*
2. *Does the family or young adult currently have a mortgage?*
3. *Is the family or young adult paying more than 30% of monthly income on rent?*
4. *Does the family or young adult currently have an eviction notice?*
5. *Is the family or young adult temporarily doubled-up, couch hopping or living in a motel?*
6. *Is the family or young adult currently fleeing domestic violence?*
7. *Is a family member or young adult exiting treatment, jail or hospital?*
8. *Is the family or young adult currently unsheltered?*
9. *All the above*
10. *None of the above*



**Poll:** How many of these questions regarding the families and young adults' **housing history** would be known by your organization (at any point of involvement)?

*The **Housing History** of the family and young adult:*

- 1. No significant history of housing problems*
- 2. Currently housed but unable to pay their rent or mortgage at least once in the past year*
- 3. Three or more moves in past year*
- 4. Significant life changes (job loss, death in family)*
- 5. Two or more shelter stays in past year*
- 6. Multiple episodes of unsheltered homelessness*
- 7. Chronically Homeless*
- 8. All the above*
- 9. None of the above*





**Poll:** How many of these questions regarding the families or young adults' **barriers to housing** would be known by your organization (at any point of involvement)?

*The family and young adult is currently facing:*

- 1. No barriers*
- 2. No rental history*
- 3. None or poor credit*
- 4. Past eviction(s)*
- 5. Justice system history*
- 6. No/low income*
- 7. All the above*
- 8. None of the above*







# Refer and Connect to Housing Resources

- Simplify housing resources without overburdening agency or organization
- Provide immediate connection to community housing resources
- Address range of needs from currently homeless to housing stability barriers

# Community Resource Mapping

- Invite community partners and/or hold special staff meeting.
- Identify several real and common situations then brainstorm all the possible resources and referrals you would make for that person.
- Write down all the possible responses. Include web addresses. Don't worry about duplication.
- Repeat with different groups.







# Examples

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# Questions & Answers





# Breakout Rooms

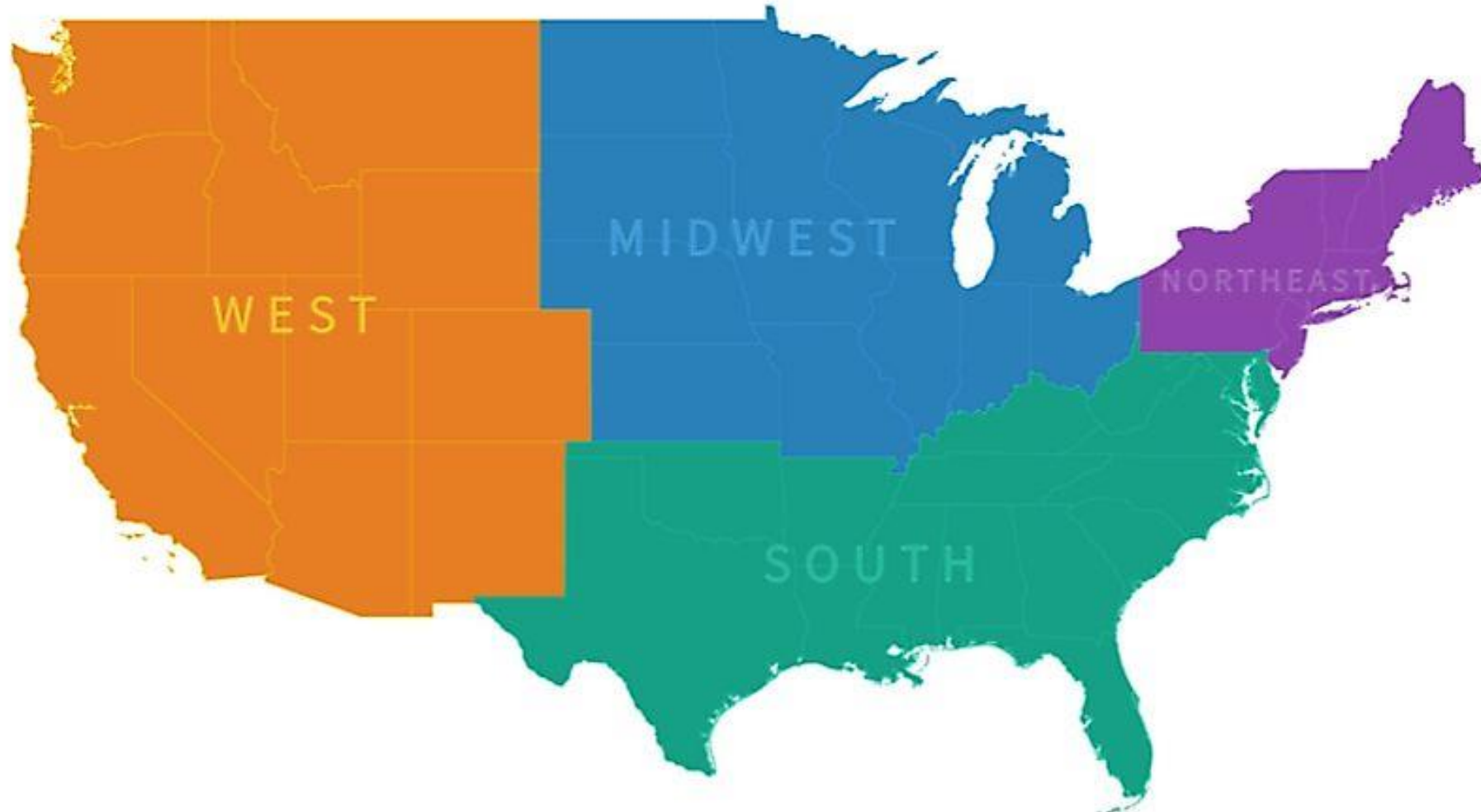
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# Small Group Discussions

**Introduce yourselves: Name, pronouns, location, agency and role at agency**

1. What have you seen to be effective in identifying and connecting families and young adults to FUP and FYI vouchers?
2. What barriers have you seen to getting applicants with vouchers placed? How have you/your community problem-solved for those barriers?

Please self-select into breakout rooms based on your geographical location



# Regroup and Share Out

What themes and highlights were discussed in your small group?

Were there any innovative strategies to get applicants with vouchers placed shared in your small group?



# August Peer Learning Session

Mark your calendars!

August 5 @ 10-11:30 AM PT/ 1-2:30 PM ET





# Resources

- ❑ [Housing Vouchers for Youth Exiting Foster Care | CSH](#)
- ❑ [Child Welfare Family Housing Voucher Briefs | CSH](#)
- ❑ [Family Unification Vouchers | HUD](#)
- ❑ [Foster Youth to Independence | HUD](#)
- ❑ [Housing and Child Welfare Resource Hub | One Roof](#)
- ❑ [Source of Income Protections](#)
- ❑ [Screening for Family Housing Stability - CSH](#)



# 2 Questions Before You Go

**How was today?**

**What topics for future peer  
learning sessions?**





# Thank you!

Email questions and follow-up requests to [1Roof@csh.org](mailto:1Roof@csh.org)

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