



What We Are Doing Locally

(By Housing First Principles)

Our region has been working to adopt Housing First principles across the system for some time now. Through the diligent work of local providers, funders and policymakers, considerable progress has been made.

The belief that all people are housing ready

- Rapid re-housing programs work with households regardless of preconditions or indicators of 'readiness'
- Coordinated Entry for All operates from a client-choice perspective so, whenever possible, people experiencing homelessness can determine the housing option that best meets their needs
- Early efforts to reduce screening criteria included removing conditions that demonstrated 'housing readiness'

The community is trained on how to apply for and obtain permanent housing

- All Home continues to work with key partners to develop capacity building activities in landlord engagement
- King County, City of Seattle, United Way of King County, and Building Changes are working to refine housing locator practices to support taking RRH to scale, releasing an RFP for Landlord Liaison Project
- All Home is working with Zillow to continue development and expand reach of the Community Pillar Program to highlight landlords who provide housing to people with experiences of homelessness

Coordinated entry process

- Coordinated Entry for All launched June 27th, 2016 for families and young adults with services to single adult populations phasing in over time
- Regional Access Points provide access to housing assessments across King County
- Mobile assessors are available to those who need further outreach and assistance to receive housing assessments

Prioritizing the most vulnerable

- Changes to the referral process began for families and young adults with the implementation of the VI-SPDAT/TAY-SPDAT starting April 2016
- Individuals and families experiencing homelessness are referred to homeless housing resources by prioritization within bands of resources associated with specific vulnerability scores
 - This approach to prioritization is being examined further as local data reflects that many households with high vulnerability scores are being skipped due to limited resources within particular bands

Policymakers, funders and providers plan collaboratively

- The City of Seattle, King County and United Way of King County have signed an MOU to work collaboratively on funding priorities and decisions and on key principles of systems transformation
- The All Home governance structure reflects a broad range of policymakers, funders, providers, and people with experiences of homelessness who provide input on and make decisions about the homeless system

Reduce unnecessary eligibility and screening practices

- With guidance from the City of Seattle, King County, United Way of King County, and All Home, contracted providers reduced screening criteria to the lowest possible threshold (any existing criteria are established, primarily from federal funding requirements)

Avoiding eviction through system mobility

- Coordinated Entry for All implements a mobility policy which allows households to access alternative resources should their needs change over time

Local Efforts to Track

Domestic Violence Housing First Demonstration Project

<http://wscadv.org/projects/domestic-violence-housing-first/>

Local providers serving Domestic Violence survivors further test Housing First strategies, taking to scale system coordination efforts and realigning site-based housing to community-based advocacy.

Coordinated Entry for All

- Quarterly Data: <http://allhomekc.org/coordinated-entry-for-all/>
- Single Adult Implementation: www.kingcounty.gov/CEA
- CEA Policy Committee: <http://allhomekc.org/committees/coordinated-entry-for-all-policy-committee/>

System Transformation Efforts

<http://allhomekc.org/systems-transformation/>

Homelessness can be solved by using data, applying best practices at every level and coordinating efforts to create a more person-centered, seamless system. We must also stop less effective practices and shift fully to approaches that are most effective at getting people into housing.

Capacity Building Opportunities

http://allhomekc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/Community-Capacity-Building-Plan_10.6.16.pdf

All Home and other partners provide training opportunities to assist local homeless housing providers in building efficacy and best practices within their organizations.

Ways to Stay Involved

Attend the All Home Coordinating Board Meetings

These meetings are open to the public. The meetings offer an opportunity for public comment and provide critical insight into the policies and efforts impacting the homeless housing system. Details can be found on the All Home calendar.

Participate in the All Home Affinity Groups

These quarterly meetings (rotating with the Stakeholder and CEA meetings) are population-focused dialogues about system efforts underway. They are not membership-based and are open to the public and all interested stakeholders. Meetings will include a review of local, population-specific data and will be an opportunity to provide input on system efforts. This input will be gathered from all affinity groups and shared to the respective decision-making bodies.

Participate in the All Home Stakeholder Meetings

Similar to the affinity groups, stakeholder meetings are opportunities to both learn about and provide input on key system efforts. Unlike the affinity groups which are population-focused, these meetings are intended to focus on efforts and strategies that cross populations and can include training and other learning opportunities.

Attend a Training

Training activities will be shared both on the Capacity Building plan and the All Home calendar. Make sure to visit the capacity building plan frequently for updated training information: <http://allhomekc.org/systems-transformation/#fndtn-capacity-building>

Refer to the All Home Calendar for Meeting and Other Learning Opportunities: <http://allhomekc.org/upcoming-events/calendar/>

Sign Up for the All Home Newsletter to receive weekly and time-sensitive information about homeless housing efforts.

<http://allhomekc.org/>