

BHBH Bridge Housing 101

Welcome

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Why Bridge Housing 101? Context Setting

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Pre-Poll

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Agenda

- » Welcomes and Overview
- » Shelter/Interim Housing
- » Rental Assistance
- » Finding Bridge Housing Sites
- » Housing Navigation
- » Accessing Resources



Shelter/Interim Housing



Example – Tiny Home



» The Riverside Village Shelter

- 30 pods/tiny shelters
- Dining area, showers, restrooms, bike rack, resource center
- \$8,495 (2021) per unit

» Who does it serve?

- Men, women, and couples

» How long do clients stay?

- 60 – 90 days

Example – Tiny Home

» Services Offered?

- Pet accommodation
- 24/7 security
- Case management
- Housing navigation
- Life/job skills training
- Mental health

» How did they collaborate?

- Adjacent to the Access Center & other non-profits
- Meal assistance from Everytable at a low cost of \$5.20 per meal
- Set up close to a large encampment



Example – Scattered Site Bridge Housing

» Definition

- Scattered site units offer the highest level of client autonomy
- Clients can stabilize, collect documents, and apply for permanent housing while receiving weekly visits from their providers

» Who does it serve?

- Clients with a range of acuity levels

» How long do clients stay?

- 3 months – 2 years

» How did they collaborate?

- Owned and master leased buildings and apartments
- Significant property owner engagement

Follow Up Resources

You can find the following resources in the BHBH Resource Library:

- [Reimagining Interim Housing—Stages & Action Areas for Transforming Approaches to Sheltering People Experiencing Homelessness](#)
- [Construction and Operating Costs of Tiny Home Villages to Decrease Homelessness in Los Angeles](#)
- [Playbook for a Modular, Supportive Interim Housing Community](#)

Rental Assistance



Forms of Rental Assistance

- » **Short-Term** –up to 3 months
- » **Mid-Term** – more than 3 months; up to 2 years
- » **Shallow or Deep Subsidy** – set amount or percent of income





Example – Rental Assistance

» Who does it serve?

- Short-term – Individuals with income, document ready
- Mid-term - Families, individuals with SMI, participants requiring support to increase their income, individuals who are not document ready

» How long do clients receive assistance?

- Short-term – 90 days
- Mid-term – up to 1 year

» Services offered?

- Motel vouchers, recovery residences, shared-living and traditional rental units, security deposits
- Housing service plans and housing navigation

» Collaboration with the CoC?

- The cities collaborated with their CoC, service provider (Union Station), and motels within the community.

Master Leasing



- » Agencies lease housing units from property owners (usually more than 1).
- » Agencies sublease individual units to individual clients/families.
- » Mutually beneficial:
 - Quick way to get units
 - Clients can move in & out



Example: Brilliant Corners – Master Leasing

» Services offered?

- Move-in assistance
- Property owner incentives
- Housing navigation
- Eviction prevention
- Case management & services through collaboration

» How did they collaborate?

- Strong relationships with property owners
- Client referrals from a range of different county partners
- Close partnerships with case managers from 40+ agencies
- Close partnerships with MHSA funded Full Service Partnership program

Follow Up Resources

You can find the following resources in the BHBH Resource Library:

- [Learning from Emergency Rental Assistance Programs: Lessons from Fifteen Case Studies](#)
- [Rent Reasonableness and Fair Market Rent Under the Continuum of Care Program](#)
- [How Master Leasing Can Help the Affordable Housing Crisis](#)
- [Rapid Re-housing Toolkit](#)

Finding Bridge Housing Sites



Finding Locations



- » Identifying what your clients need
- » Finding available properties
 - Property owner engagement
 - County owned properties
 - State owned properties
 - Collaborate with community agencies

Innovative Models

- Tiny homes
- Master-leased units or buildings
- Office, school, or warehouse
- Hotels and motels
- Faith community properties
- Duplexes or homes
- Unused health facilities
- Scattered-site individual units



Housing Navigation



Housing Navigation



» A service that helps clients remove barriers and move into housing

- Individualized plans & approach
- Obtaining necessary documents
- Communicating with property owners
- Once a week meetings w/ clients
- Low-barrier
- Funds for move-in process

Follow Up Resources

You can find the following resources in the BHBH Resource Library:

- [Housing Navigator Toolkit](#)
- [Housing Navigation Process Standards](#)
- [COVID-19 Homeless System Response: Housing Navigation](#)

Behavioral Health Bridge Housing Resource Library

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Resources

Search the Library

This library contains documents that may be useful to counties and/or Tribal entities as they design and implement behavioral health bridge housing. The search function allows you to search by keyword and resource type. Although BHBH staff has reviewed all resources for relevance to behavioral health bridge housing and to categorize them by topic, please note that external links and resources may not fully reflect the views of DHCS or AHP.

Search Keyword Here..

Featured Resources

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Stages and Action Areas for Transforming Approaches to Sheltering People Experiencing Homelessness
December 2022
- ACTION PLAN**
for Preventing and Ending Homelessness in California
- Whole-Person Care for People Experiencing Homelessness and Opioid Use Disorder: Toolkit Part 2**
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