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More than Housing: Building Community & Engagement **Facilitated Discussion**

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1:00 pm to 2:15 pm PT

DHCS Welcome

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Who is Here?

Share your:

- Name
- County
- Why did you pick this session to attend? -or- What do you hope to hear from others in this space?







Key questions:

- » What's your definition of community?
- » What are some things that help you feel part of a community?
- » How can we incorporate these concepts into our projects?







Key questions:

- » Case study
 - » Diversity of experience
 - » Impact vs Effort
 - » Challenges to integration
- » How do these concepts also apply to staff?





A scattered-site housing program held several units in an apartment complex, nestled in the heart of the city. This complex provided homes to a diverse group of individuals who have and those who have not experienced homelessness. The individuals in this program were placed in permanent housing as a primary solution without preconditions, emphasizing that housing is a basic human right.

Every two months, the housing program's on-site office space would double as a community space, filling with eager tenants, their case managers, the program manager, and other key stakeholders such as the property manager. These meetings, known as the "Community Meetings," aimed to:

Bridge the Gap
Support Systems
Self-Advocacy and Empowerment

Refreshments were provided to make these sessions more inviting and foster a casual, community-like atmosphere.





Behavioral Health Bridge Housing Resource Library





