



SESSION 1:

# HOMELESS PREVENTION & DIVERSION OVERVIEW



WEDNESDAY

MAY 18TH

12-1PM

VIA TEAMS

NO REGISTRAION REQUIRED

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- > WHAT IS HOMELESS PREVENTION & DIVERSION?
  - > PROGRAMS AVAILABLE FOR AT-RISK HOUSEHOLDS
  - > DIVERSION STRATEGIES FOR HOUSEHOLDS THAT AREN'T ELIGIBLE FOR RENTAL ASSISTANCE

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# USICH Definitions

- **Homelessness prevention** strategies represent a wide array of efforts to prevent housing crises from occurring and to prevent people who face such crises from experiencing homelessness
- **Diversion strategies** and practices assist people to resolve their immediate housing crisis by accessing alternatives to entering emergency shelter or the experience of unsheltered living. This typically occurs at the point people request emergency services, such as entry into emergency shelter, or could take place in a day center or through outreach before a person spends a night unsheltered

[https://www.usich.gov/resources/uploads/asset\\_library/Prevention-Diversion-Rapid-Exit-July-2019.pdf](https://www.usich.gov/resources/uploads/asset_library/Prevention-Diversion-Rapid-Exit-July-2019.pdf)

# National Alliance to End Homelessness

Table 1: Prevention, Diversion and Rapid Re-housing

Consumer's Housing Situation	Intervention Used	Services Provided (In All Interventions)
<b>AT IMMINENT RISK OF LOSING HOUSING</b> (precariously housed and not yet homeless)	<b>PREVENTION</b>	Housing Search Rental Subsidy Other Financial Assistance Utility Assistance Case Management Mediation Connection to Mainstream Resources Legal Services
<b>REQUESTING SHELTER</b> (at the "front door" or another program/system entry point seeking a place to stay)	<b>DIVERSION</b>	
<b>IN SHELTER</b> (homeless/in the homeless assistance system)	<b>RAPID RE-HOUSING</b>	



# Overcoming Myths

- Shelter is not the only answer. There's other resources that can be tapped first.
- Shelter does not automatically = access to a housing voucher.
- Agencies do not have a magic list of available housing units & unlimited rental assistance funding. Securing and sustaining housing requires a collaborative effort between households & agencies.

# Income & Motivation

With the short-term subsidies and case management resources available through various prevention & diversion resources in our community, they are only successful if the household has a source of income and they are motivated to sustain their housing.

If a household has no income and no employment lined up, they should be referred to alternative community resources and/or shelter as appropriate.

## Potential Services



Housing stability case management



Landlord, family, and roommate tenant mediation



Housing search



Tenant legal services



Credit repair help and matching



Bus passes



Car repairs



Costs associated with obtaining legal identification



Security Deposits/last month's rent



Utility deposits, payments and arrears



Rent assistance and arrear



Rental application fee



Moving costs

# Continuum of Family Promise



Community & Promise

# CCH Diversion Process

- Helpline (IIR)
- Assess and screen for program eligibility
  - Current situation, any support systems in place, financial budget, etc.
- Provide resources i.e. employment, housing
- Refer to counseling services



# HOUSING DEPARTMENT AT THE INSTITUTE FOR HUMAN SERVICES



An overview of programs and  
navigation of assistance

# Programs Overview

- Rapid Re-housing (RRH) – Short-term
  - Rapid Re-housing
  - Homeless Prevention Rapid Re-housing (ESG-HPRP)
  - CARES (ESG)



# Rapid Re-housing + Homeless Prevention

## Rapid Re-housing

- Back rent, utilities, first month and security deposit
  - As need basis; proof of hardship
    - Sec 8 and public housing
- Assists housed and house-less
  - Homeless to CES
    - Bypass through Sec 8, Public Housing, Rent 2 Work
- Case management up to a year
- Financial assistance as needed basis
- What's the difference??



# Income Eligibility

## Rapid Re-housing

Household Size

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
3525	4029.16	4533.33	5033.33	5437.50	5841.66	6241.66	6645.83

## Homeless Prevention Rapid Re-housing

Household Size

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
2116.66	2416.66	2720.83	3020.83	3262.50	3504.16	3745.83	3987.50

# CARES

- 6 months rental assistance
  - Uses RRH income eligibility
- 1 year case management
- Must prove sustainability
- Covid impact verification



# Program contact info

- Rapid Re-housing + HPRP + CARES
  - [housingcares@ihshawaii.org](mailto:housingcares@ihshawaii.org)
    - For all external correspondence



**Catholic Charities Hawai'i  
State Homeless Emergency Grants  
Program (SHEG)  
Housing Placement Program (HPP)**

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# State Homeless Emergency Grants (SHEG) Program

SHEG is an intervention program designed to help Households to quickly exit or prevent Homelessness, return to housing in the community, and avoid future Homelessness.



# SHEG Qualifications

- Must be homeless or at-risk of homelessness with a verification of housing status.
- Have a household income that does not exceed 50% of the Area Median Income (AMI)
- Must demonstrate self-sufficiency and ability to make future payments

# 2022 Area Median Income

FY 2022 Income Limit Summary			Household gross income NOT including SNAP.							
50% AMI			Persons in Family							
Income Limit Area	Median Income	Income Limit Category	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Hawaii County	\$91,600	Very Low 50%	\$33,350	\$38,100	\$42,850	\$47,600	\$51,450	\$55,250	\$59,050	\$62,850
Honolulu County	\$113,300	Very Low 50%	\$45,750	\$52,250	\$58,800	\$65,300	\$70,550	\$75,750	\$81,000	\$86,200
Kauai County	\$107,000	Very Low 50%	\$39,900	\$45,600	\$51,300	\$57,000	\$61,600	\$66,150	\$70,700	\$75,250
Maui County	\$101,100	Very Low 50%	\$39,950	\$45,650	\$51,350	\$57,050	\$61,650	\$66,200	\$70,750	\$75,350

# How SHEG Helps

- One to three payments of any combination: rental security deposit, first month's rent, or past due rent: utility cost and/or deposit (No ongoing rental assistance)
- Housing access and retention
- Housing Stabilization and follow up services

# Housing Placement Program (HPP) Qualifications

- Must be a household with at least one minor child (17 years and younger). The child must be living with his or her custodial parent.
- Household must have a combined income of 250% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) or below.
- Household must be homeless or imminent risk of homelessness.

# Federal Poverty Level

## STATE OF HAWAII - 250% of the 2018 FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL (FPL)

Household Size	Maximum Monthly Gross Income	Maximum Yearly Gross Income	Household Size	Maximum Monthly Gross Income	Maximum Yearly Gross Income
1	\$ 2,776	\$ 33,315	7	\$ 9,517	\$114,205
2	3,944	47,325	8	10,685	128,215
3	4,979	59,750	9	11,852	142,225
4	6,015	72,175	10	13,020	156,235
5	7,182	86,185	11	14,187	170,245
6	8,350	100,195	12+	<i>Add \$14,010 (yearly income) for each additional person</i>	

# Housing Placement Program (HPP)

## How We Help

- Housing Search and application fees
- On Going Case Management
  - Landlord/Tenant Relations
  - Housing Related Legal Representation (LASH)
  - Financial literacy & One-On-One Budgeting
  - Employment Assistance (resources)
  - Furniture, School Supplies, Holiday Gifts
  - Public Benefits, child care subsidy
- Financial Assistance
  - First Month's Rent, Security Deposit, Utility deposits, and Rent arrears

# How To Access SHEG or HPP

- Call our CCH Help Line @ 521-4357, select the option for financial assistance.
- Caseworkers may contact the PD directly at:  
Dani Gella (808) 527-4700 or  
[danielle.gella@catholiccharitieshawaii.org](mailto:danielle.gella@catholiccharitieshawaii.org)

**Questions?**





# HOMELESS PREVENTION & DIVERSION SERIES

More  
information  
to come!

Wednesdays at noon



May 18th  
May 25th  
June 1st  
June 8th  
June 15th

Educating our  
community on what  
diversion is, why it's  
important, and what  
programs are out there  
to keep people in  
housing

In collaboration with:  
Partners In Care  
Legal Aid Society  
Mediation Center of the Pacific  
Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness Office