

Housing First Institute

Training, consultation, and technical assistance in how to start, operate, evaluate, and fund scatter-site Housing First programs

We have 20 years of experience in creating and operating Housing First programs as Pathways to Housing, as well as assisting hundreds of agencies and communities embrace the Housing First model. Customized to fit your needs, *Housing First Institute* trainings can be conducted on site or through distance learning technology.

Core Trainings

Housing First 101

This course provides a complete introduction to the practice of Housing First, covering program philosophy; housing choice and services; working with community landlords in scatter site housing; ACT and ICM support services; operating a program with recovery focus. The course can be offered in its entirety during a day-long training session, or online.

Harm Reduction

This training gives participants a philosophical and clinical understanding of harm reduction practice when working with people with mental health, health, and addiction problems. The course offers clinical case vignettes to assist participants in developing collaborative and innovative consumer-driven strategies to promote wellness and to reduce harm.

A Team Approach to Providing Support Services

Here participants learn how to operate support services by using a team approach (e.g., ACT, ICM, or Supportive Housing Teams). This course covers operational and management issues such as how to run team meetings, organize the team's daily home visit schedule, create consumer-driven recovery goals, understand roles of each specialist in the context of the team, and coordinate care with outside providers.

Advanced Training and Professional Development

Health, Wellness, and Recovery

This series of more than 30 modules is typically offered after people have settled into their new homes. The modules are workbook style courses with a practical approach and the aim of improving health and wellness. Some of the courses include: financial wellness, saying no to drug dealers, spirituality, nutrition and cooking, WRAP plans, and peer-to-peer smoking cessation.

Program Research and Evaluation

The *Housing First Institute* has a long track record of program effectiveness, research, and evaluation. These trainings/consultations are designed to assist programs establish measurable outcomes and data collection systems so that management will have meaningful, efficient ways to produce performance reports that inform program quality.

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Advanced Training

These are advanced versions of all core courses covering topics in greater detail for those who have completed introductory courses and who have been operating Housing programs for a period of time. Advanced trainings emphasize how the experience with tenants is used to inform the development of future plans and addresses topics of relocations, housing options, moving on and graduation, and community integration.

Assessing Program Fidelity

The on site program fidelity visit is comprised of a team of clinical and research experts who gather data about program operation from clinical records, staff, managers, and tenants to determine the extent to which your program is operating using the Pathways' Housing First model. The feedback is provided both verbally and as a written report and provides quantitative and qualitative assessments. The purpose of the fidelity assessment is to provide an assessment and technical assistance.

New Offerings

New trainings now available are: discipline-specific professional development courses for nurses, psychiatrists, social workers, employment specialists, and substance use specialists; implementation of peer specialist programs to address issues of health and wellness; integration of primary care staff to integrate health care into permanent supportive housing programs; implementation and operation of Housing First programs in a rural setting including the use of Tele-Health.

***Training and consultation at every stage.
From planning, to start-up, to
measuring program fidelity.***