Stitching Together Supportive Housings
Patchwork of Programs

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The Continuum of Care Planning Process
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- 16 Continuums in New Jersey
- Primarily County Based
- Meet Monthly - Quarterly
The Continuum of Care

- Assessing the Need
- Developing & Implementing Strategies
- Applying for Funding
- Creating Strategic Partnerships
- Structuring an Effective System
- Monitoring System Progress
The Continuum of Care Planning

Effective Homeless System

- Shared Community Vision & Mission
- Community Plan to End Homelessness
- Centralized Decision Making & Oversight
- High Level Planning Group
- Standardized Eligibility & Implementation
- Systemwide Performance Standards
- Accurate Data Collection & Analysis
CoC Planning Structure

- Executive Committee
- Permanent Housing Committee
- Coordinated Assessment
- Discharge Planning
- Continuum of Care Planning
- Full Membership Committee
- Prevention
# Homeless System Components

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<td><strong>Prevention</strong></td>
<td>• Provide limited financial assistance for those at risk of homelessness</td>
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<td><strong>Diversion</strong></td>
<td>• Assist those requesting emergency shelter in identifying alternative shelter arrangements through their support network</td>
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<td>• Provide temporary emergency shelter to those with no other shelter alternatives</td>
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<td><strong>Transitional Housing</strong></td>
<td>• Temporary housing available for 18-24 months provided to targeted populations requiring intensive services in a structured setting</td>
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<td>• Temporary financial assistance and support services provided for up to 18 months in permanent scattered site units</td>
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<td>• Long term financial assistance and support services in permanent housing</td>
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<td>• Leasing based housing in the community</td>
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Homeless System Pre-Coordinated Assessment
Coordinated Assessment - Goal

- Streamline Program Access
- Improve Referral Accuracy
- Expedite Housing Access
- Improve Data Collection
- Create a System
Coordinated Assessment

- **Assess**
  - Household vulnerability
  - Homeless History

- **Prioritize**
  - Housing Placement List
  - Most vulnerable at top

- **Refer/Place**
  - Housing search assistance
  - Placement in housing
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What are the programs

How do you make them work together

Where are the gaps
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Overview of Programs

We have 4 CoC Projects

- H2O – 3 females (Triple C is the Applicant) – scattered site 1 bdrm units
- S+C (3) Projects with 21 consumers (Edison Housing Authority is the Applicant and Triple C Housing is the Sponsor) – scattered site 1 bdrm units
  - 8 Homeless
  - 2 Chronically Homeless
  - 11 Homeless
- Funding:
  - Subsidies from EHA
  - CSS services dollars (DMHAS)
  - In-Kind from local community providers (25% of H2O grant)

Stitching Together

- MOUs with CoC and EHA
- Monthly unit inspections
- Service Delivery

Gaps with Program

- Funding for security deposits, furnishings, keeping the consumers engaged once housed
- Co-signing of leases under certain HUD program guidelines
- Tenants who do not engage after lease up and the obstacles to adhere to the requirements; not making home
- Annual APR process – rating process puts agencies at risk if consumers do not show progress in income increases

Policy changes

- Provide funding for security deposits and site set up/furnishings and utility deposits
- Eliminate co-leasing requirements
- Provide flexibility on the APR requirements re: income increases or consumer disengagement
- Recognize the challenges to the CoC process with referrals, requirements, disengagement, lack of progress
- Recognize decreased engagement as success and offer more mainstream affordable housing
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