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Goal: Increase the capacity of people with disabilities to become fully engaged in their communities
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This phase of ICP funded by:
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How Did We Get Here?
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Expanded ICP Regions Where Leadership Teams Will Work

Region #1:
Bergen (original), Hudson (new) and Passaic (new) Counties

Region #2:
Middlesex (new), Somerset (new) and Union (new) Counties;

Region #3.
Camden (original), Ocean (original) and Cumberland (new) Counties.
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How can you and your organization get involved?

Recruit Focus Group Members

Individuals in Bergen, Camden, Cumberland, Hudson, Middlesex, Ocean, Passaic, Somerset and Union Counties with:

- Physical disabilities, and/or
- Intellectual and developmental disabilities, and/or mental health and substance abuse disorders and/or
- Individuals who experience homelessness and/or
- Individuals who are aging.

Focus Groups will be held on:

- Wed, Feb 22, 10 - 11 a.m.
- Mon, Feb 27, 6 - 7 p.m.

* Submit interest form by Wed, Feb 15
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How can you and your organization get involved (cont.)?

Join a Leadership Team

● We are looking for:
  ○ Regional or statewide organizations serving people with disabilities and/or barriers in Bergen, Camden, Cumberland, Hudson, Middlesex, Ocean, Passaic, Somerset and Union Counties
  ○ What types of organizations? CILs, ARCs, service providers, age-friendly initiatives, etc.
  ○ Individuals with lived experience

● Leadership Teams begin meeting virtually in March

● Monthly meetings needed over the next 4-6 months
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For more information

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The Supportive Housing Association of New Jersey

New Jersey Housing Navigation Project

How can we help connect people to affordable homes?

- DCA funded, 18-month long grant that SHA was awarded in January 2022 designed to bridge a gap that will bring greater access to affordable housing to those most economically challenged in New Jersey.

- Aims to strengthen services that connect people with available housing and the capacity for program coordination throughout the state.

- Three Phases to the Project
PHASE 1: Research and Reporting on Best Practices

Review of Housing Navigation Services Nationwide and in New Jersey

- Surveyed 37 providers in 19 states across the country to determine best practices and common challenges
- Reached a range programs throughout the state to get a deeper understanding of housing navigation services being offered in NJ
- Focus groups with individuals who have experienced homelessness and been on the receiving end of housing navigation services
The Collaborative: Working Together to Share What Works and Improve Outcomes

- Made up of 42 individuals representing 29 agencies and 4 individuals with lived experience of homelessness

- Met regularly throughout the fall to review the national and state research on housing navigation

- Developed guidelines for housing navigators in NJ
Introducing Technology Options for Housing Navigation Programs

- **Housing Connector**, partnering with Zillow to streamline the housing search

- **Padmission** - a web-based platform for homeless services organizations to manage landlord relationships and assist in the affordable housing search for clients
Guidelines for Navigation Programs

- Short Term Guidelines, Categories:
  - Incentives and Outreach to Local Landlords/Local Realtors
  - Landlord Engagement Pre-Placement
  - Landlord Engagement Post-Placement
  - Preparing Clients
  - Supporting Clients
  - Hiring and Preparing Navigators
  - Supporting Affordable Housing Developers
Guidelines for Navigation Programs

- **Examples of Long-Term Guidelines:**
  - Financial support for clients for a range of needs: vacancy loss funds for landlords, damage mitigation funds, and increasing funds for clients for rental application fees, security deposits and moving costs, etc.
  - Standard, streamlined tracking systems for data metrics on programs - all information in one place, reports that allow data to be presented consistently and in a streamlined manner.
  - Increase tenant sustaining services for long-term client success. The need for assistance does not stop once clients are leased up.
NEXT STEPS: Improving the Capacity of Housing Navigation Programs

- Empowering State Leaders
- Adopting Best Practices in Housing Navigation

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- Beginning August 2022
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- Administrative Agent
- Municipal Contact

How can development be supported?