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**2017 Linking TANF Families to Employment
and Economic Opportunities Meeting**

**Addressing the Housing and
Behavioral Needs of Vulnerable
Populations**

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Presentation Outline

- Introduction to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities
- Supportive Housing Basics
- Health, Housing and Human Services Funding Roles
- Examples of Supportive Housing for Families



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Center on Budget and Policy Priorities (CBPP)

DC Based Policy
Think Tank

Non-Partisan

Began in early
1980s to fight
federal funding
cuts

Protect TANF,
Healthcare, SNAP,
Housing, etc.
Programs

Promote Budget
and Tax Policies for
Low & Moderate
Income People

Both Federal and
State Level Policy

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Connecting the Dots: Bridging Systems for Better Health

Better coordination not only improves lives but can save money

Goals:

- Advance policies to improve health care delivery and other services for people with significant physical, mental, and substance use conditions
- Connect health, housing, criminal justice and human services sectors to deliver affordable housing, health care and social supports to those with complex needs
- <http://www.cbpp.org/connecting-the-dots>

CONNECTING THE DOTS

Bridging Systems for Better Health



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Supportive Housing Basics

Supportive Housing - People

Residents of Institutions
who Prefer to Live in the
Community

Chronically Homeless

Includes
individuals,
families and youth

People Exiting Jail or
Prison with Chronic
Health Conditions (esp.
mental health)

Mental health, substance
use and/or physical health
disabling conditions
coupled with housing need



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Supportive Housing - Defined

Targets households with barriers

Is affordable

Tenants have leases and are held accountable

Services are voluntary and the client's choice

Coordinates among key partners

Connects tenants with community



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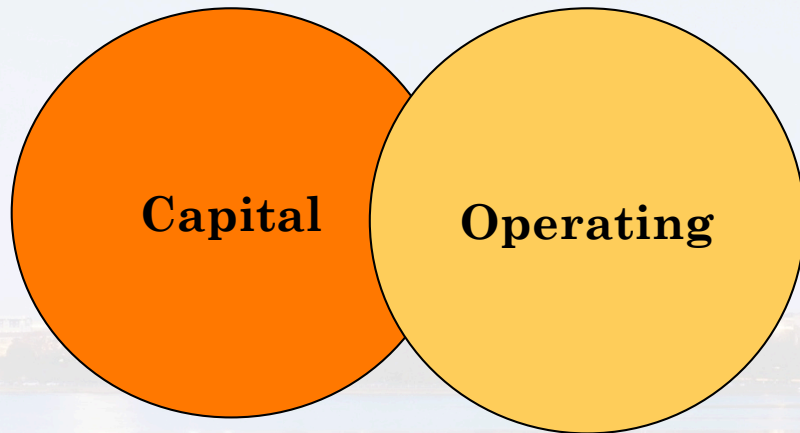
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Health, Housing, and Human Services Funding Roles

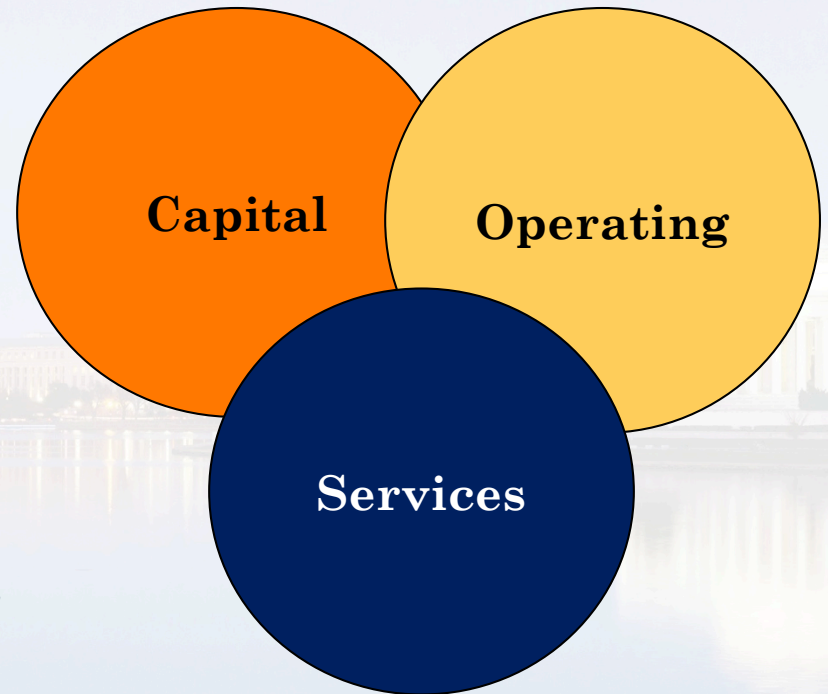
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Financing Supportive Housing

Traditional Affordable
Housing



Supportive Housing



- **Services** are often the hardest and least stable part for developers to finance.
- Increasingly making the case to Medicaid and MCOs to more comprehensively reimburse supportive housing services



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Supportive Housing - Services

Tenancy Supports	Housing Case Management
Outreach and engagement	Service plan development
Housing search assistance	Coordination with primary care and health homes
Collecting documents to apply for housing	Coordination with substance use treatment providers
Completing housing applications	Coordination with mental health providers
Subsidy applications and recertifications	Coordination of vision and dental providers
Advocacy with landlords to rent units	Coordination with hospitals/emergency departments
Master-lease negotiations	Crisis interventions and Critical Time Intervention
Acquiring furnishings	Motivational interviewing
Purchasing cleaning supplies, dishes, linens, etc.	Trauma Informed Care
Moving assistance if first or second housing situation does not work out	Transportation to appointments
Tenancy rights and responsibilities education	Entitlement assistance
Eviction prevention (paying rent on time)	Independent living skills coaching
Eviction prevention (conflict resolution)	Individual counseling and de-escalation
Eviction prevention (lease behavior requirements)	Linkages to education, job skills training, and employment
Eviction prevention (utilities management)	Support groups
Landlord relationship maintenance	End-of-life planning
Subsidy provider relationship maintenance	Re-engagement



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* Source: CSH - Corporation for Supportive Housing

Financing Housing and Services

- **Housing**
 - Housing Choice Vouchers
 - Public housing
 - State and local resources
 - Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) – development
- **Services**
 - Medicaid – especially in expansion states
 - Behavioral health services are optional
 - Parents aren't disabled
 - Many providers are not Medicaid billing entities
 - TANF, Child Welfare, etc.
 - Helps with non-Medicaid eligible services
 - Fills other gaps (esp. for entities who are not Medicaid billers)
 - Targets resources to most vulnerable



Examples of Supportive Housing for Families

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ACYF Demonstration

- Title: Partnerships to Demonstrate the Effectiveness of Supportive Housing for Families in the Child Welfare System (5 year pilot)
 - 5 Locations
 - Connecticut – statewide
 - San Francisco
 - Memphis,
 - Cedar Rapids
 - Broward County – Florida
 - Housed over 300 families
 - Targets families with:
 - High levels of child welfare system involvement
 - Histories of homelessness
 - Persistent behavioral health conditions



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Pilot Families' Demographics

41% where homeless upon entry

35% where unstably housed

58% of primary caregivers have mental health conditions

48% of primary caregivers have a substance use disorder

49% of primary caregivers have criminal justice involvement

27% have a child with high needs

This information was provided by CSH (Corporation for Supportive Housing). CSH administers the National Child Welfare & Supportive Housing Resource Center which provides technical assistance to the 5 pilot sites.

<http://www.csh.org/childwelfaresupportivehousingresourcecenter>



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Interim Results

- The Urban Institute is conducting a cross site evaluation
- Preliminary Findings:
 - 85% of families in treatment group were stably housed after 12 months (vs. 43% of the control group)
 - Only 3% of treatment families have had a homeless episode in past 6 months (vs. 19% of control group)

Pilot ends in 2018 and complete report will follow.



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