



COOL TOOLS FOR ESTABLISHING PARTNERSHIPS WITH TRANSITIONAL AND PERMANENT HOUSING

Building solid working relationships with providers of transitional and permanent housing can help organizations secure referrals and access to stable housing for veterans experiencing homelessness. The following tools provide strategies and action plans for connecting to landlords, building managers, public housing agencies, representatives from federal offices, and others working to promote the stability necessary for sustained employment.

The Housing First Checklist: A Practical Tool for Assessing Housing First in Practice

https://usich.gov/resources/uploads/asset_library/Housing_First_Checklist_FINAL.pdf

The [United States Interagency Council on Homelessness](#) created this tool as a checklist for policymakers, government officials, and practitioners to help determine whether and to what degree a particular housing program is employing a Housing First approach. The first section of the tool lists core and other elements of Housing First at the housing program or project level. The second section lists elements of Housing First at the community level.

Ending Veteran Homelessness Housing Toolkit

http://va.gov/homeless/get_involved.asp

The [U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs](#) created this toolkit to explain: 1) what the VA is doing to end homelessness among veterans, and 2) how property developers, affordable housing providers, landlords, real estate agents, philanthropic groups, and others can get involved. It contains fact sheets, checklists, and other resources.

Vets@Home Toolkit: Connecting to Permanent Housing

<https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/4713/vets-at-home-toolkit-connecting-to-permanent-housing/>

In this toolkit for Continuum of Care stakeholders, practitioners, and public officials, the [HUD Exchange](#) describes strategies and resources for developing and maintaining housing partnerships that will expedite veterans finding housing. It poses key questions for communities to consider as they assess their housing partnership portfolio, linkages with VA, and other affordable housing resources.

CoC Program Toolkit—Introduction to the CoC Program

<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/coc/toolkit/introduction-to-the-coc-program/>

This toolkit from the HUD Exchange provides laws, regulations, and notices upon which the Continuum of Care (CoC) Program is based, overviews of CoC Program requirements, and crosswalks of the regulatory and operational changes between the legacy homeless programs and the CoC Program.

Landlord Toolkit

<https://cmtysolutions.org/landlord-toolkit>

[Community Solutions](#) offers an online toolkit for working with landlords. It includes community examples, outreach and engagement strategies, outreach materials, forms and templates for landlord engagement, webinar materials, [U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development \(HUD\)](#) guidance on landlord engagement, and HUD's *Landlord Engagement & Recruitment Deskbook*.

Public Housing Agencies Toolkit

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

The [Corporation for Supportive Housing](#) developed this toolkit to share specific strategies and concrete examples of the roles public housing agencies can play in their communities to create supportive housing and end homelessness. The toolkit has five sections: Housing Choice Voucher Tools, Public Housing Tools, Project-based Voucher Tools, Unique

PHA Programs & Initiatives, and a Primer on Homelessness and Supportive Housing.

PHA Contact Information

http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/public_indian_housing/pha/contacts

HUD offers an interactive map to locate Public Housing Agencies by city and state.

Rapid Re-Housing Training

<http://www.endhomelessness.org/library/entry/rapid-re-housing-tools>

The [National Alliance to End Homelessness Center for Capacity Building](#) has developed five short video training modules: *Housing Barriers Assessment*; *Housing Search and Location/Developing Relationships with Landlords*; *Designing Subsidies*; *Voluntary Service Provision*; and *Outcomes, Community Examples, and Evaluation*. The modules share best practices from successful rapid re-housing programs and include interactive exercises.

Rapid Re-Housing Tools

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This toolkit from the National Alliance to End Homelessness is a compilation of sample materials that organizations and rapid re-housing program staff can use as part of rapid re-housing. It includes items such as a landlord benefits checklist, an apartment comparison checklist, and a lease explanation tool.

Building Your Program: Permanent Supportive Housing

<http://store.samhsa.gov/shin/content/SMA10-4510/SMA10-4510-06-BuildingYourProgram-PSH.pdf>

This workbook is one of eight Permanent Supportive Housing KIT booklets developed as part of the Evidence-Based Practices KITs series from the [Center for Mental Health Services](#) within the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. It defines Permanent Supportive Housing before describing how to develop a housing affordability strategy.

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