

PIEDMONT REGIONAL CONTINUUM OF CARE'S 5TH ANNUAL HOUSING FORUM

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What does it take to End Homelessness?

- Affordable Housing
- Access to Appropriate Services
- Adequate Income

Today's Landscape

- Foreclosures
- Economic Recession
- Job Losses
- Mental Health Transformation & Cuts
- Rise in Homelessness/Poverty
- Healthcare
- National Housing Trust Fund
- New Commitment from the VA
- Administration that is supportive of HUD Programs
- New US ICH Leadership
- New Homelessness Programs

How Did We Get Here?

- Research & Data
- Evidence-based Practice
- Ten-Year Plans to End Homelessness
- McKinney Reauthorization & ARRA Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP)

Research & Data

- Chronic Homeless and Housing First Research = Housing Plus Services is effective and cost-efficient
- New research shows effectiveness of Housing Plus Services approach for families
- Housing PLUS Services can work for all individuals and families who experience homelessness
Difference = Length of Assistance

Research & Data

- New HUD Report on Shelter Costs vs Rental Housing
 - ▣ Apartment is \$200-over \$2000 cheaper per month
- New data from Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS) North Carolina's CHIN

Evidence-based Practice

- Communities across the country have found success:
 - Permanent Supportive Housing
 - Decreases in Chronic Homelessness
 - New approaches in prevention
 - New Rapid Re-Housing Programs

Ten-Year Plans to End Homelessness

- Bringing new energy and resources to the table
- Redefining the conversation
- Demonstrating success through new approaches
- Garnering new support and attention from the community and leaders

New Homeless Programs Legislation

- HEARTH Act
 - ▣ Codifies the Continuum of Care
 - ▣ New Rural Application
 - ▣ Streamlines CoC Programs
 - ▣ Changes Emergency Shelter Program to *Emergency Solutions* Program
 - ▣ Requires US Interagency Council on Homelessness to create a Federal Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness
- ARRA: Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program

Our Current System

1. Experience housing crisis
2. Move from system to system seeking support
3. Lose Housing
4. Enter Emergency Shelter
5. Address barriers to housing while in the shelter or transitional housing



A New Approach

1. Experience housing crisis
2. Reach out for support
3. Providers assess for housing risk and make referral to housing stabilization services
4. Based on client need, appropriate services are provided (e.g. landlord mediation, short-term rental assistance, housing search, rapid re-housing, and wrap-around services provided)
5. Client may need to stay at a shelter while receiving stabilization services



A New Approach



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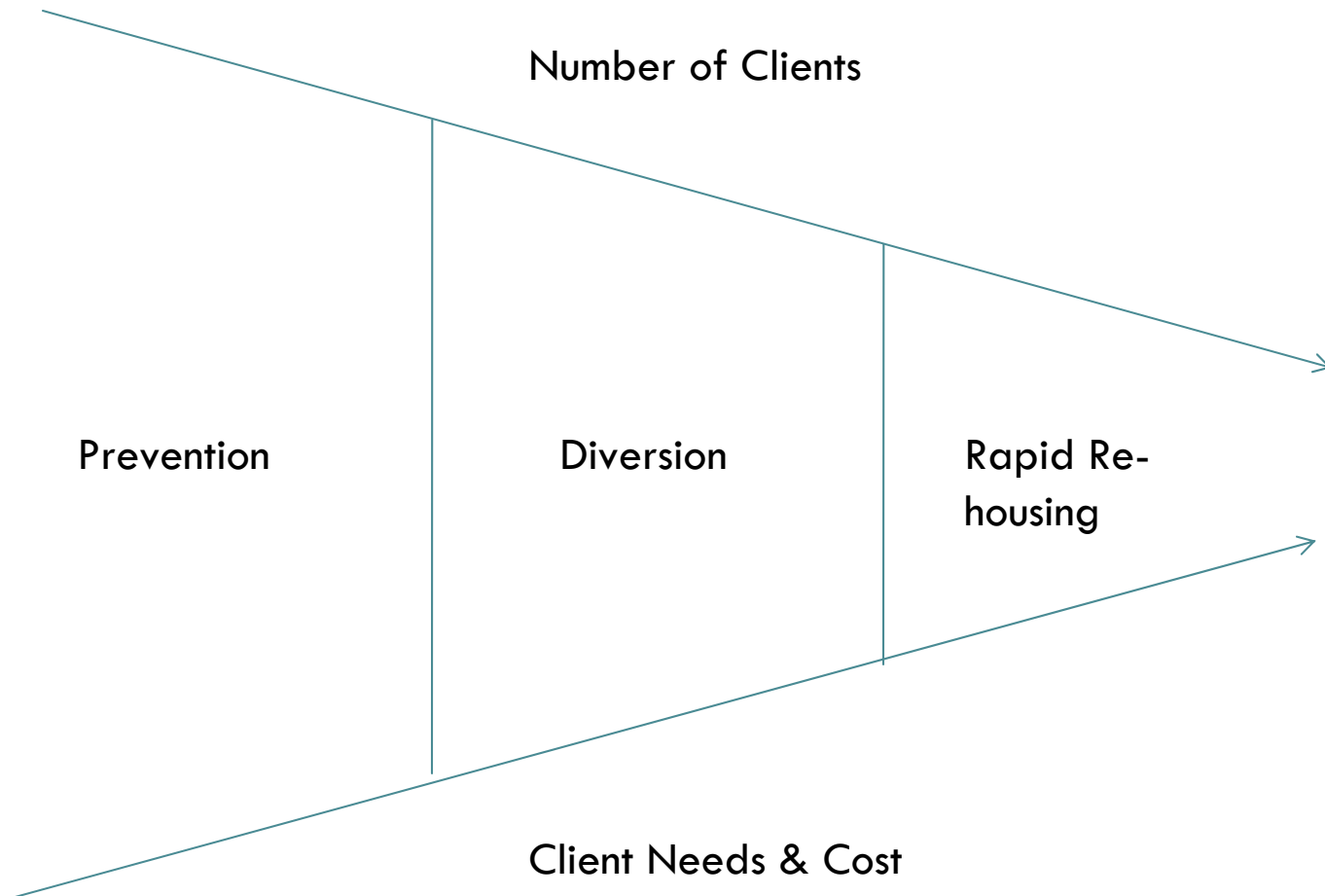


Two Approaches Working Together

Close the Front Door

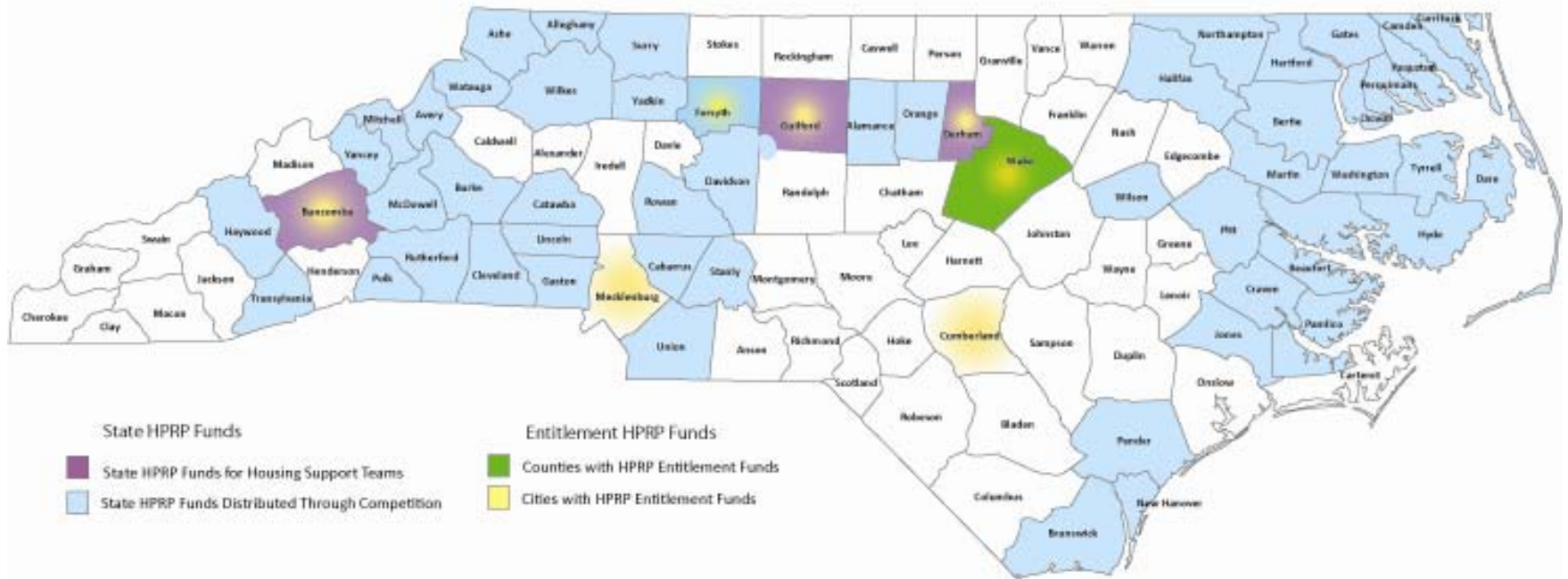
Open the Back Door

A New Approach



20 Grantees Receiving NC HPRP Funds

Communities Receiving HPRP Funds



Targeting

- HUD's Main Question for HPRP:

Would this individual or family become homeless ***BUT*** for this assistance?

H1N1 and Homeless Housing & Services

How do you decide which assistance is appropriate?

Appropriate Treatment

- Everyone → *Take the proper precautions, be aware of symptoms and how virus is contracted*
- Prevention for high risk population → *Vaccine*
- Contracted homelessness virus → *Appropriate Treatment*
- Contracted homelessness virus, developed complications → *Referral to be seen by a Specialist*

Looking Ahead

- Implementing new programs
- Evaluating and improving our current system

- Work at the State & local levels to ensure that policy matches best practice and this new approach

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