



# State of Hawai'i Housing First Program

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# What is the State HF Program?

- Developed in response to 2 factors:
  1. The large number of chronically homeless persons & families on O`ahu
  2. The paradigmatic change emphasizing permanent housing rather than emergency and transitional shelters services to this population
- Specific target population: Unsheltered individuals/families living on O`ahu who are prioritized as needing long-term permanent supportive housing after being assessed using the VI-SPDAT tool
- Main outcome objectives (FY'17):
  1. *Total Number Unduplicated Homeless Served: 115 (76 Single Persons & 39 Unduplicated Individuals in Families)*
  2. *Retained PH for at least 6 months: 83 Households*

# What is Housing First?

- An evidence-based client–driven program rooted in the principles and philosophy of:
  - **Psychiatric rehabilitation**
    - The process of the restoration of community functioning and wellbeing of an individual diagnosed with a psychiatric disability.
  - **Harm reduction**
    - Reducing the harmful consequences associated with various, sometimes illegal, human behaviors.
  - **Consumer movement**
    - Promote consumer protection through an organized social movement which is in many places led by consumer organizations. It advocates for the rights of consumers, especially when those rights are infringed upon.

# What is Housing First?

- **Recovery-oriented practice**
  - Gaining and retaining hope, understanding of one's abilities and disabilities, engagement in an active life, personal autonomy, social identity, meaning and purpose in life, and a positive sense of self.
- **Social Justice**
  - Housing as a basic human right.

# HF Program Tenets

- Low or no barrier to permanent housing or program service enrollment. Barriers are limited to issues related to violence or criminal activity, where applicable.
- Low demand compliance to case management or other services (including substance abuse or mental health treatment). HF prioritizes the stabilization of households in permanent housing without prerequisite for program compliance.
- No discharge due to substance abuse activity or relapse. While treatment is encouraged, it is not a requirement for continued program stay.
- Choice in housing will be offered, to the extent possible
- CM philosophy focuses on client-centered or client-directed services. Best Practice Motivational Interviewing techniques are utilized
- Housing retention focus will be prioritized with all services geared toward keeping all household members housed

# Goals of Housing First

- Increase access to permanent housing and effective supports for persons with substance abuse or substance use and mental health disorders.
- Change provider's beliefs about client's capabilities.
- Transform existing housing and treatment systems to align with client's preferences and values.

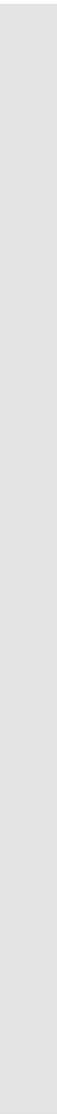
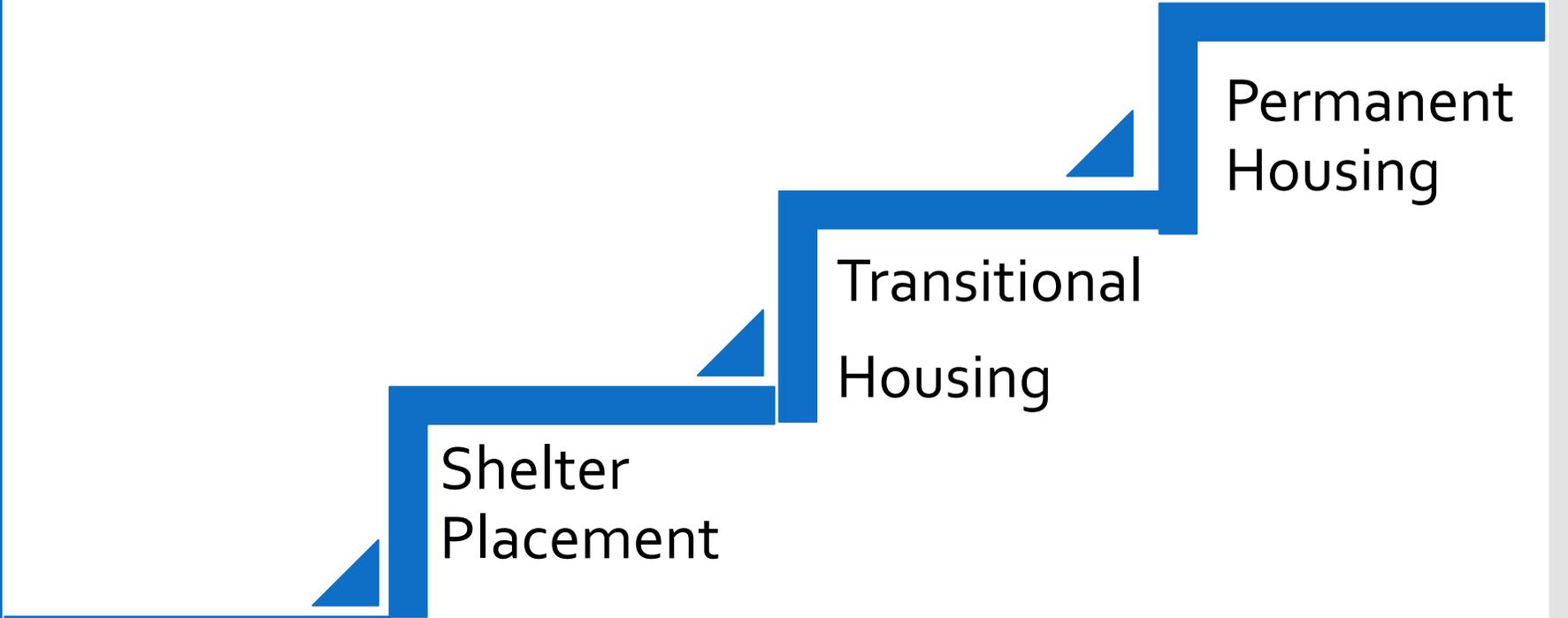
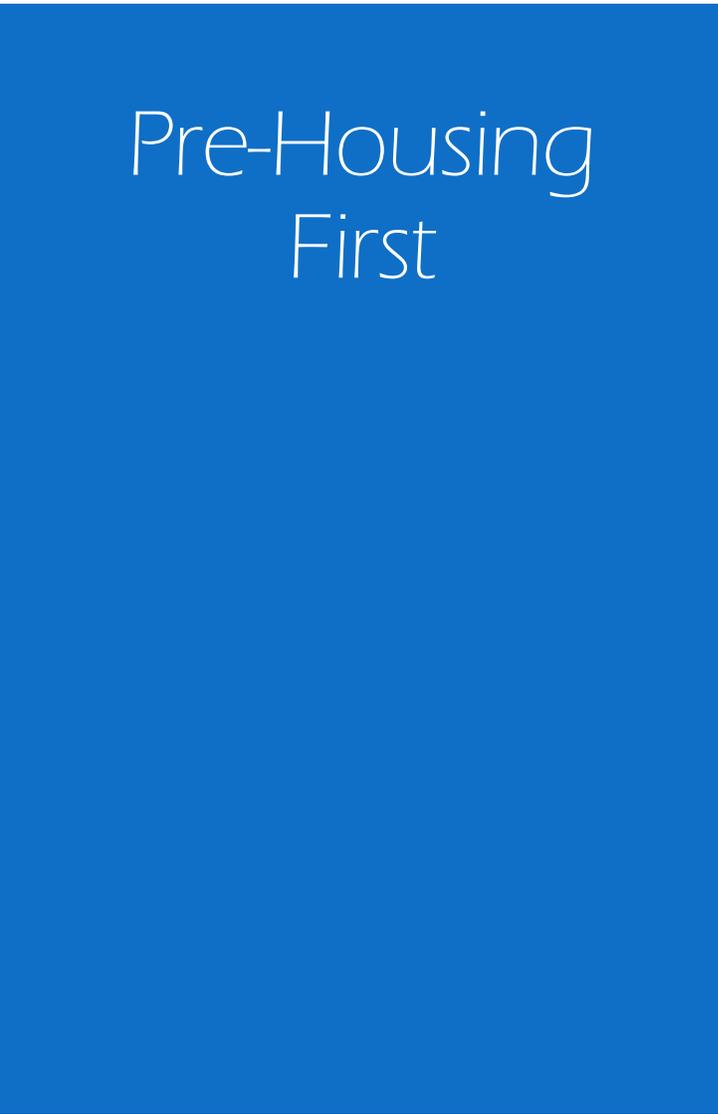
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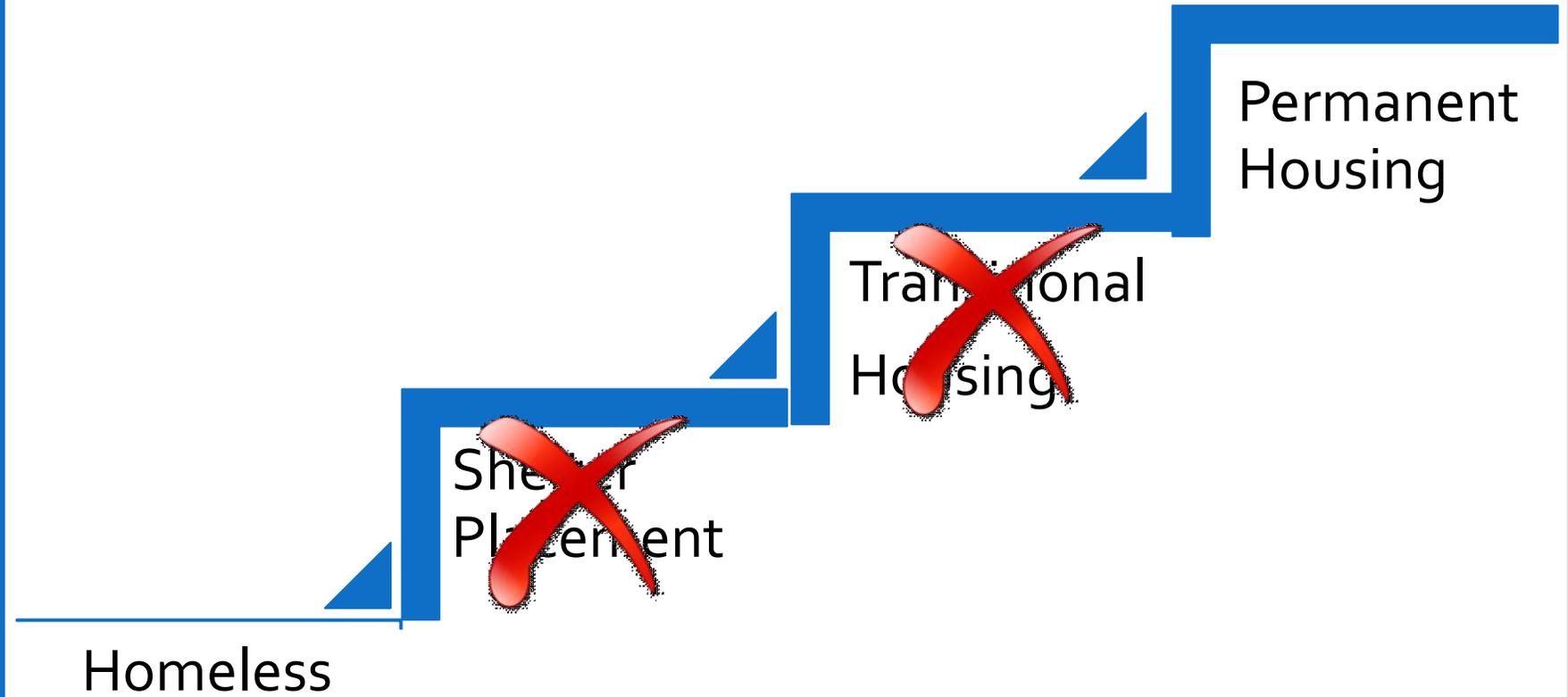
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# Housing First Model



# HF Program Overview

- State HF Program by year

	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017
<b>Total Households To Serve</b>	<b>24</b> Vet & Non-Vet	<b>24</b> Vet & Non-Vet	<b>75</b> Vet & Non-Vet	<b>75</b> Vet & Non-Vet	<b>86</b> Vet & Non-Vet
<b>Eligibility</b>	CH, vulnerable according to the 100,000 Homes Campaign assessment	CH, vulnerable according to the 100,000 Homes Campaign assessment	VI-SPDAT score indicating PSH range	VI-SPDAT score indicating PSH range	VI-SPDAT score indicating PSH range
<b>Partnerships</b>	Waikiki CAV C. Peraro Consulting	Waikiki CAV C. Peraro Consulting	Waikiki CAV, KPHC, CCH & HHH (HPP) C. Peraro Consulting	KPHC, CCH & HHH (HPP) C. Peraro Consulting	KPHC, C. Peraro Consulting, HHH (HPP)
<b>Housing Retention Outcome</b>	<u>Six-month retention: 90%</u> (1 individual passed away)  <u>Twelve-month retention: 84%</u>		<b>98.5%</b> (1 individual passed away & 1 transitioned to another PH program)	<b>92.2%</b> (2 transitioned another PH program, 1 individual passed away, 3 evicted, 1 incarcerated, 1 d/c for violence)	N/A
<b>Other</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	Short-Term Supplemental Funding Received to serve additional 18 households	N/A

# Screening & Approval

- Assertive outreach is conducted to unsheltered individuals on O'ahu (coordination done in Case Conferencing)
- Individual assessed using VI-SPDAT & scores are scored
- Clients with a score of 10-20 (V1) and 8-17 (V2) are prioritized for HF program. Priority list maintained by PHOCUSED and then given to U.S.VETS for maintenance.
- U.S.VETS CMs veterans and KPHC non-veterans
- U.S.VETS/KP assists with locating housing currently available
- Once a vacancy opens up, the next client on the priority list will be housed as soon as it becomes available and if the client is document ready (Master leased units only)

# Eligibility

- Eligibility:
  - Meet scoring threshold for VI-SPDAT
  - Chronically homeless (1 continuous year of homelessness or 4 episodes in the past 3 years equaling 12 months)
  - Unsheltered
  - Document Ready (ID, Birth Certificate, and Social Security Card)

# Community Partnerships

## Roles & Responsibilities



KALIHI-PALAMA HEALTH CENTER  
*Hale Ho'ola Hou - House of New Life*

- **U.S.VETS:**
  - Grant Administrative Duties
  - Provide supplemental housing search support to KPHC
  - Liaison with HPO for partners
  - Provide Outreach and CM services to veterans
- **KPHC:**
  - Provide CM services to non-veterans
  - Housing search for clients
  - Monitor goal compliance
- **C. Peraro Consulting:**
  - HMIS quality assurance
  - Billing & Reporting

# Housing First Program Contact Information



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