



Housing First ends homelessness. It's that simple.

Housing First is an evidence-based, permanent supportive housing program that supports individuals to maintain independent housing and lead meaningful lives in their community.

Housing First immediately ends homelessness by supporting individuals and families to locate pre-existing independent apartments in the community. Our service recipients are provided long-term, multidisciplinary community supports, including service coordination, drug and alcohol counseling, employment support, psychiatry, nursing care and representative payee services.

ENDING CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS

Housing First is recognized by the Department of housing and Urban Development as the most effective intervention for addressing chronic homelessness.

SERVING THE UNDERSERVED

Housing First targets the most vulnerable individuals, especially those who have “fallen through the cracks” of the system of care.

The population served by Pathways’ Housing First program have experienced long histories of homelessness, involvement with corrections, frequent contact with emergency services and long periods of institutionalization.

OUTCOMES

- The Housing First program maintains an 85% Housing Retention Rate
- The program has supported 200+ individuals with long stays in hospitals, prisons and other institutional settings to successfully transition into the community.

FY20 FUNDING

Housing First is funded primarily by contracts with the Department of Mental Health and Department of Corrections.

Department of Corrections	\$1,039,663
Department of Mental Health	\$1,949,144
Total	\$2,988,807

FAST FACTS:*

\$43/day
 AVERAGE COST OF
 HOUSING FIRST
 PROGRAM

300+
 CYCLES OF CHRONIC
 HOMELESSNESS
 ENDED

200+
 INDIVIDUALS
 SUPPORTED TO
 TRANSITION INTO
 THE COMMUNITY

*Through 2019



CLIENT TESTIMONIAL



“My name is Ethan Thomas, I was born in Vermont in 1989 and was raised by a single mother. Homelife was tough at times with a mother constantly on the go, a brother who was an alcoholic, and an uncle who was abusive.

During my childhood, my best friend and I chose to start stealing to support our partying habit. I am now almost 30 years old and during the past 10 years, I have been under supervision and spent years of my life in jail. I tried many different programs to try and help myself to figure out my life. I failed all those programs.

Since being in the Pathways Vermont Housing First Program, I have found a job, signed up for college and am currently attending classes. I am eternally grateful for all they have helped me with, ranging from jobs to rent to counseling and support with my situation and current mental health issues. I couldn't ask for more.”

HOUSING FIRST CORRECTIONS PROJECT

Supporting Community Integration

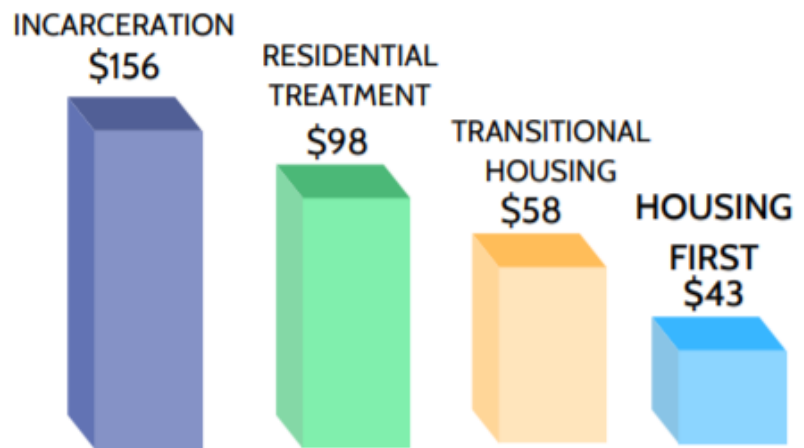
In partnership with the Department of Corrections (DOC), Pathways Vermont has adapted the Housing First model to serve individuals with long correctional histories to transition back into the community.

- Since 2010, the DOC project has supported over 200 individuals re-enter the community.
- 80% of program participants have not returned to long term incarceration.

Cost Effective Solution

By supporting individuals under the custody of corrections to transition back into community, Pathways Vermont's program reduces rate of incarceration and saves the state money. By providing individuals with acceptable housing and follow-up support, the program breaks the cycle of incarceration.

Pathways Vermont's approach is cost-effective in comparison to other re-entry programs, without compromising quality and quantity of care and long-term outcomes.



A DIRECT COST COMPARISON OF 129 INDIVIDUALS

The graphic to the right illustrates a direct comparison of the combined estimate service costs expended by 129 clients 6 months prior to entering the Housing First program and 6 months after entering the Housing First program.

Service cost estimates were derived using information from relevant agency records.

6 MONTHS BEFORE

6 MONTHS AFTER

