

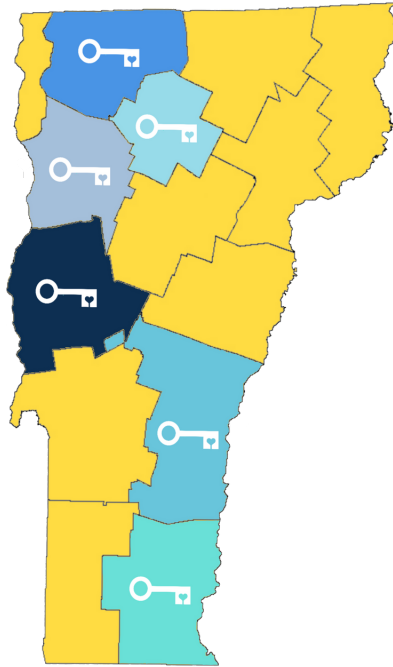
For over ten years, Pathways Vermont has been transforming the lives of thousands of individuals struggling with mental health and other life challenges by creating access to choice, connection, and home through our variety of programs. It is our mission to end chronic homelessness in Vermont, and we need YOUR help to continue our work by advocating for expanded funding for our **Housing First** program.

Housing First ends homelessness. It's that simple.

Pathways Vermont, a 'Specialized Services Agency', has ended the cycle of homelessness for over 325 Vermonters through its Housing First program.

The program immediately ends homelessness by supporting individuals and families to locate independent apartments in the community.

Housing First clients are then provided long-term, assistance, including service coordination, peer support, psychiatry, nursing care, and financial management support. **Pathways staff members will spend months and often years working with individuals daily or weekly to help maintain their stability and well-being.**



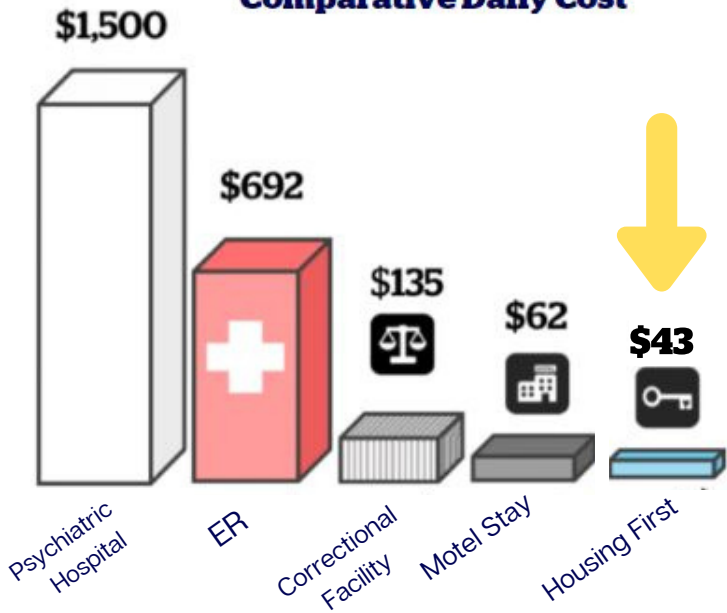
Pathways Vermont's Housing First program is currently operating in six counties across Vermont.

We need your help to bring this evidence-based practice to all 14 counties so that together we can end homelessness in our state.

Funding Needs for Statewide Expansion

Pathways Vermont would require a \$2.5 million budget increase to successfully build an infrastructure that would cover all 14 counties. This would make it possible to support all Vermont individuals experiencing chronic homelessness to find and retain permanent and independent housing.

Comparative Daily Cost



Housing First

At a Glance

An evidence based approach to ending chronic homelessness.

Housing First programs quickly and successfully connect individuals and families experiencing homelessness to permanent housing without preconditions and barriers to entry, such as sobriety, treatment or service participation requirements. Supportive services are offered to maximize housing stability and prevent returns to homelessness as opposed to addressing predetermined treatment goals prior to permanent housing entry.

Core Principles of Housing First

- A right to housing without preconditions
- Choice and self determinations
- Wellness oriented
- Social inclusion and community integration
- Individualized and service recipient driven supports

Who Does Housing First Serve?

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

Housing First offers an integrated, team-based approach designed to provide comprehensive community-based supports to help people remain stably housed. It is one of the most studied community programs in all of healthcare and has a very strong evidence base.

Core Characteristics of a Permanent Supportive Housing First Model



A multi-disciplinary team of professionals that provides wrap-around service directly to the service recipients.



Services are offered on a time-unlimited basis, with planned transfers to lower intensity support for stable service recipients.



The program components are informed by service recipient choice, peer support, and harm reduction.



The team is mobile, often meeting service recipients in their homes.

Pathways Vermont's Housing First Program By The Numbers

\$43

AVERAGE DAILY
COST OF HOUSING
FIRST PROGRAM

500+

CYCLES OF
CHRONIC
HOMELESSNESS
ENDED

265+

INDIVIDUALS
SUPPORTED TO
TRANSITION INTO
THE COMMUNITY