

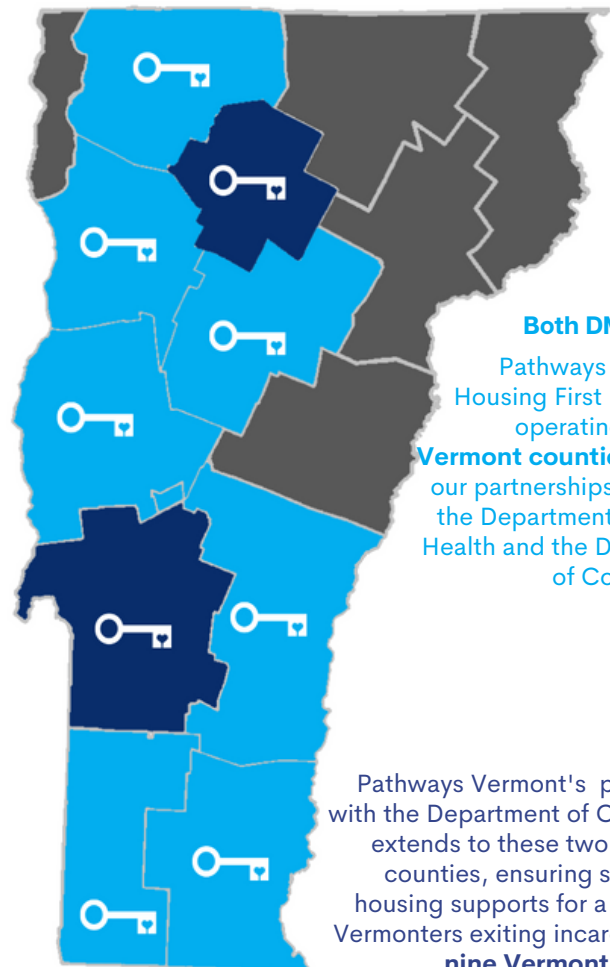
Housing First | Pathways Vermont



- Pathways Vermont was established in 2010 to bring the **Housing First** model to Vermont, the first rural implementation of the program
- Housing First is an evidence-based, cost-effective, **permanent supportive housing model** that supports individuals to maintain independent housing and lead healthy and meaningful lives in their community
- This successful approach **immediately ends homelessness** by supporting individuals and families to locate independent apartments in the community
- Housing First clients receive long-term, multidisciplinary community supports to help build and maintain stability, including service coordination, drug and alcohol counseling, employment support, psychiatry, nursing care, and representative payee services

Housing First ends homelessness. It's that simple.

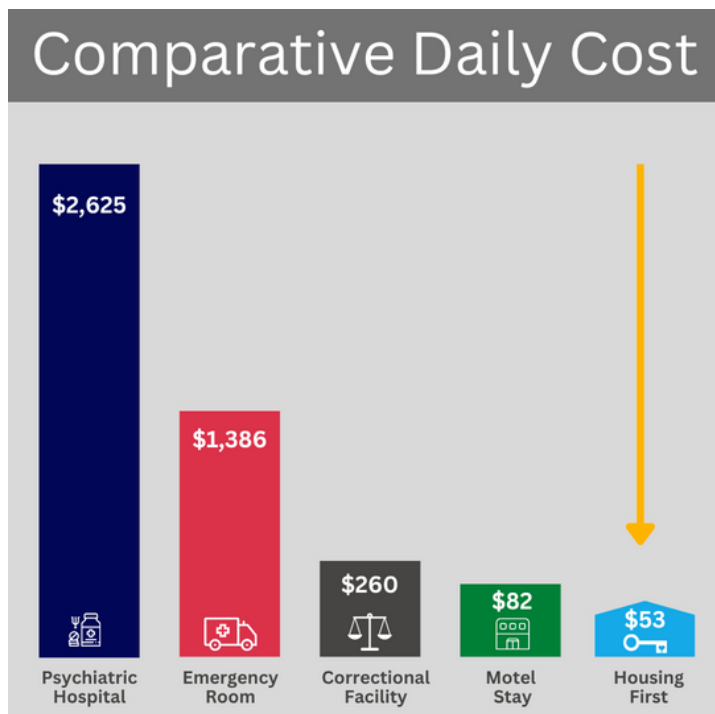
- Pathways Vermont, a Specialized Services Agency, has **ended the cycle of homelessness for 650 Vermonters** through its Housing First program. The program immediately ends homelessness by supporting individuals and families to locate independent apartments in the community.
- Pathways staff meet clients in their homes to provide service coordination, peer support, psychiatry, nursing care, and financial management support.
- **Pathways staff will work as long as needed, often years, meeting with Housing First clients to help maintain stability and well-being.**



Both DMH & DOC
 Pathways Vermont's Housing First program is operating in **seven Vermont counties** through our partnerships with both the Department of Mental Health and the Department of Corrections.

DOC Only
 Pathways Vermont's partnership with the Department of Corrections extends to these two additional counties, ensuring service and housing supports for a total of 98 Vermonters exiting incarceration in **nine Vermont counties.**

(map as of July 2022)





About Housing First: 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.

Core Principles of Housing First

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

Who Does Housing First Serve?

The people 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.

Core Characteristics of a Permanent Supportive Housing First Model



A multi-disciplinary team of professionals that provides wrap-around service.



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



A large and growing evidence base demonstrates that Housing First is the most effective solution to homelessness.



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

Pathways Vermont's Housing First Program By The Numbers

\$53

Average daily cost of
Housing First
program

650

Vermonters ended
their cycle of
chronic
homelessness

87%

Housing Retention
Rate for Housing
First clients in FY22