

Coordinated Prevention for Housing Stability

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Overview

Learn about the national Housing Stabilization Learning Cohort (HSLC) led by Community Solutions and Tom Albanese Consulting LLC, including a review of the newly released, open-source HSLC Coordinated Prevention Toolbank, a comprehensive resource offering guides, templates, and community examples from cities like Hartford, CT, Columbus, OH, and Cincinnati, OH. This session will include an overview of lessons learned and practical strategies to target and coordinate homelessness prevention, diversion, and housing stabilization efforts in your community using HSLC Toolbank resources.

Additional Details

Homelessness prevention requires coordinated, targeted efforts that bring together local providers, policymakers, and community organizations. This session delivers practical strategies that have been tested and proven in real-world settings. You'll gain access to best practices that streamline the coordination of resources and services, ensuring that at-risk populations receive the help they need before a housing crisis occurs.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

During this session, participants will learn about:

- The HSLC Toolbank, which provides ready-to-use resources for your community's efforts.
- Lessons learned from communities actively involved in the HSLC cohort.
- Practical, data-driven strategies to coordinate homelessness prevention, diversion, and housing stabilization efforts.
- Ways to integrate local providers and create a network of support for vulnerable populations in your area.

Critical actions communities can take in building coordinated prevention systems:

- **Involving People with Lived Experience:** Include individuals who have experienced homelessness in planning to ensure solutions are grounded in real needs.
- **Targeting Resources:** Use data to prioritize at-risk populations and direct resources effectively.
- **Leveraging the HSLC Toolbank:** Use ready-made guides and templates to enhance coordination.
- **Engaging Stakeholders:** Collaborate with legal services, re-entry programs, and community groups.
- **Promoting Equity:** Focus on marginalized groups like Black men and families.

Considerations for Equity

Using **HMIS** and other data sources to identify individuals experiencing higher rates of homelessness and risk, including their **demographic, situational, and geographic characteristics**, allows communities to better target services to those most vulnerable. By analyzing this data, service providers can recognize disparities among marginalized groups and tailor prevention efforts to address the specific needs of populations disproportionately affected, such as **people of color, families, and individuals in high-risk areas**. This data-driven approach promotes **equity** by ensuring that resources are allocated to those who need them most, reducing disparities in housing outcomes.

