



HOUSING FIRST

From Principles
To Practice

Get Started



Welcome to HOUSING FIRST

Get an overview of the origins of Housing First philosophy and the hard, collaborative work and resources needed to turn principles into effective programs and practices.



PROGRAM AGENDA

9:00 Community Tabling & Networking

Meet our community partners and chat with others focused on the betterment of our county

9:30 Welcome & History of Housing First

Learn about the creation and history of Housing First principles in the United States

9:45 Housing Santa Cruz County & Election

Get informed about the different housing initiatives & propositions in the upcoming election

10:00 How to End Homelessness?

See how Finland was able to implement the Housing First model successfully

11:00 Housing First: Moving Towards Success

Discover how we can apply the Housing First principles effectively in our county

12:00 Wrap-Up & Closing

Participate in the Q & A with our speakers and share your thoughts on Housing First

MEET OUR SPEAKERS

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Welcome & History of Housing First



Housing First – Historical Threads

- Late 1990s – flip “mental” model of approach to homelessness away from “fix the person first” to “housing first” and then support;
- West Coast (Seattle) and East Coast (New York) versions differed primarily on choice, integration, and services package and approach.



Housing First Funding Checkboxes – What is Missing?

- **Housing** – both models start with long-term, subsidized, affordable housing units.
- **Supportive Services** – both models emphasize intensive, integrated, team-based care in people’s homes.
- **Checklists** are **NOT** comprehensive how-to guides



Myths of “Housing First”

- Housing First = Housing Only – other goals/needs don’t matter
- Voluntary Services = No Expectations
- Harm Reduction = “Drug Use” Allowed
- Housing First always works the First time



Community Meeting

- **Learning Objectives & Meeting Agreements**
Create shared space for learning and growth – leave with at least one new insight that has the potential to change your thinking, feeling, and/or behavior.
- **Group Graffiti Notes**
 - Insight to Action
 - Ideas for getting closer to scaling and implementing quality housing first programs
- **Feedback Survey**
Please share your thoughts for future topics and improving meetings

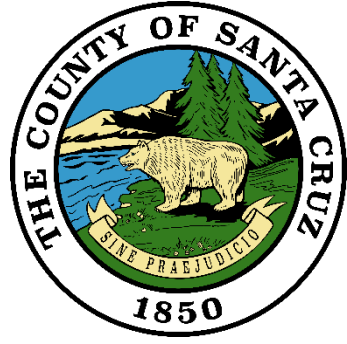


Principles (Theory) and Practice



Critical reflection on practice is a requirement of the relationship between theory and practice. Otherwise theory becomes simply "blah, blah, blah," and practice, pure activism.

— Paulo Freire —



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