



## HIV Linkage and Retention Network Housing + HIV workshop \* October 28, 2021 Housing strategies, resources and next steps

### If you're just starting out with someone who needs housing and/or other urgent services:

- Call 211 (Coordinated Entry Services) in Alameda County or 211 in Contra Costa County to get the housing and other service applications started. It may be helpful to call together and support them to disclose their HIV and/or other health conditions to receive proper priority ranking.
- If you need further support, contact Judy Eliachar or Angelica Moore at AHIP for support in Alameda County or Angela Moore at Hope Solutions for support in Contra Costa County.

### Strategies and needs that were highlighted

- One place to share housing resources, opportunities, trainings and guides on how to start.
- Sharing housing opportunities and resources (emergency funding, rental assistance) in timely ways.
- Trainings on how to start supporting someone to get housing, especially for new staff.
- Streamline and standardize housing application processes, document readiness, one place to store documents and update them as needed (such as HMIS), and training so everyone knows how to do it.
- Advocacy and policies for increasing affordable housing supply.
- Host monthly "housing parties" to provide housing application support and other wellness services.
- Provision of ongoing support for people who get housed to stay housed and stay engaged in care.
- For people who are intoxicated, provide a safe place to detox: e.g., detox programs such as Cherry Hill, through Bridge Clinic, or in a supported shelter). Call their insurance plan to find out what's covered.

### Community resources that were shared

- **SAHA: Satellite Affordable Housing Associates** provides affordable housing throughout the Bay Area.
- **Bay Area Legal Aid** has helped folks in the Bay Area avoid the background check barrier to housing.
- **The Home Stretch Fund** can cover move-in costs and furnishings for people in Alameda County.
- **Our Place** is a low-barrier drop-in clinic through Lifelong/EBCRP located at 2577 San Pablo Avenue in Oakland for people with substance use, homelessness and/or mental health issues. Case managers and mental health therapists are on-site. Our Place offers shower services, laundry, phone charging, group and individual counseling - both online and in person.
- **Cardea's Alameda County Ryan White Emergency Financial Assistance (EFA) Program** supports Ryan White clients living in Alameda County with emergency financial assistance paying late rent and sometimes current month's rent. The website is only for case managers to utilize; please don't share with clients.

### Workshop resources and next steps

- **The workshop handouts and recording** are posted here: [ebgtz.org/resource/2021-housing-resources](http://ebgtz.org/resource/2021-housing-resources)
- **Join the EBGITZ housing work group** to work on housing policy advocacy and dive more deeply into housing resources! Email Judy and Angela to join: [Judy@ebgtz.org](mailto:Judy@ebgtz.org) and [Angela@ebgtz.org](mailto:Angela@ebgtz.org)
- **Housing trainings and resource guides:** Judy will work with Angela and EBGITZ on...
  - Housing 101 training in collaboration with the AETC
  - Housing "where to start" step-by-step webpage for advocates and clients
  - Housing opportunities "bulletin board" webpage curated and updated monthly
- **Next linkage workshop** in 2022: we will collect more feedback and decide on a topic in December.