



Keeping Families Together Training Academy

In conjunction with the forthcoming launch of the One Roof campaign, CSH is excited to offer a new Training Academy designed to assist communities in creating housing and child welfare partnerships to develop housing solutions for families at the intersection of homelessness and child welfare involvement

CSH is embarking on an ambitious campaign – One Roof – that will elevate the visibility of families who are at the intersection of homelessness and child welfare involvement and help communities to develop partnerships between housing and child welfare systems to improve outcomes for families. Our goal is to ensure a better future for children by promoting an improved, integrated policy and systems integration response for this population, replicating supportive housing tailored to their unique needs, and increasing investment in housing solutions for at-risk children and their families.

Leadership Academy Modules: Details and Timeline

Beginning in October 2016, CSH will offer a 4-month Training Academy intended to jumpstart local efforts to integrate housing and services models like *Keeping Families Together*. **Registration Deadline: Friday, October 14, 2015 by 5:00 pm EST.**

Participants will be expected to commit to participating in all four of the following session in the series:

October 20, 2016 **Overview of Keeping Families Together**
Self-paced 30 minute online session to complete prior to the next session

Learning Objectives include:

1. Identify the goal of Keeping Families Together (KFT) and why it is needed.
2. Outline the core components of the model.
3. Identify the partners who are critical to the success of KFT.
4. Identify how to access housing resources that exist in your community.
5. Describe strategies for engaging child welfare.
6. Identify the characteristics of KFT families.

November 3, 2016 **Key Outcomes and Service Principles**
1:00 pm EST 90 minutes virtual and live session

Learning Objectives include:

1. Identify the outcomes of Keeping Families Together (KFT).
2. Describe the outcomes being achieved through the (ACYF) demonstration.
3. Summarize the key service principles in KFT (i.e., underlying assumptions behind services).
4. Identify effective KFT evidence-based practices.
5. Identify the service linkages that must be developed in order to serve families most effectively.
6. Outline the specific roles and responsibilities of supportive housing case managers.

December 8, 2016 **Collaboration between Child Welfare and Housing**

1:00 pm EST 90 minutes virtual and live session

Learning Objectives include:

1. Identify first steps in developing the partnership.
2. Outline the roles and responsibilities of child welfare, housing, and supportive services.
3. Describe how to solidify the partnership.
4. Identify how to evaluate the progress of the partnership.
5. Describe how Family Team Meetings can be used to improve family engagement as well as communication and coordination among partners.
6. Identify how to share data to track progress and build on what is working while modifying what is not.
7. Design a sample dashboard and its components.

January 12, 2017 **Targeting High Need Families**

1:00 pm EST 90 minutes virtual and live session

Learning Objectives include:

1. Explain why it is important to target vulnerable homeless families.
2. Describe the Keeping Families Together targeting guidance.
3. Describe successful Keeping Families Together targeting examples, including challenges and "easy-wins."
4. Identify strategies that can be embedded into the child welfare system to routinely collect information about housing needs of families.
5. Share examples of how targeting vulnerable families can be used to strengthen or build new relationships.

Who should apply?

State, county or local level teams representing housing, child welfare, family services, and homeless agencies. While not required, CSH strongly encourages and will prioritize applications that include high level representatives from each of these systems. Additional, but not required, team members could include representatives from health care, behavioral health, education, early childhood education, domestic violence and other systems that impact families.

Upon completion, participants in the Academy will gain:

- An understanding of the core components of implementing a Keeping Families Together program;
- Access to tools and resources related to supportive housing for vulnerable families involved in multiple systems;
- The opportunity to work with CSH on a formal readiness assessment and application process for additional technical assistance.

Upon completion of the four sessions, each cohort will be eligible to complete a formal community readiness assessment. Based on results of this assessment, communities will be invited to apply for technical assistance from CSH One Roof.

Background

Supportive housing not only increases families' housing stability, but has been shown to improve families' outcomes in multiple domains such as education, and behavioral health. Families are strengthened with services focused on parenting, employment, substance use and mental illness. The result is an end to the intergenerational cycle of child neglect and homelessness and a new generation of young people who are living more stable, productive lives, creating more opportunities for the next generation and reducing costs to multiple public systems. [Keeping Families Together](#) supportive housing is currently being replicated in three sites and is the basis for a national demonstration project. Data from CSH's Keeping Families Together (KFT) evaluation conducted by Metis Associates show that supportive housing can stabilize vulnerable families (89.6%), so that they become safe and healthy environments for children. Child welfare involvement among KFT families declined significantly during the pilot and most families had no new abuse or neglect cases after moving to supportive housing. Six children were reunited with their families from foster care – and were still with them when the pilot ended and average school attendance improved steadily among KFT school children.¹

¹ http://www.csh.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/12/Report_KFTFindingsreport.pdf

Registration Instructions

Registration Deadline: Friday, October 14, 2015 by 5:00 pm EST

Click here to view the (online) application: <http://www.csh.org/1Roof>

The Academy Review Team will evaluate all information and notify applicants of their selection by October 19, 2016. Submission of an application represents a commitment for the team to attend all academy sessions. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Submission: Submit a PDF copy of the application and the attachments to CSH by email to: 1Roof@csh.org

Questions: If you have questions, please call or email Andrew Johnson at: andrew.johnson@csh.org

CSH: Who We Are

CSH is a national nonprofit organization. Our mission is to advance solutions that use housing as a platform for services to improve the lives of the most vulnerable, maximize public resources and build healthy communities.

CSH advances this mission by providing advocacy, expertise, leadership, and financial resources to make it easier to create and operate supportive housing. For more information on CSH, visit our website at www.csh.org.



One Roof Keeping Families Together Academy Registration Form

Submit an electronic copy to CSH at 1roof@csh.org by October 14, 2016

COHORT MEMBER INFORMATION

Please provide contact information for each member of your cohort. Given that supportive housing is a collaborative model, it is ideal if Academy cohorts include cross system representation. We recommend representation and participation from at least three of the following systems in your community: housing entity, child welfare agency, family services organization, homeless services agency or CoC.

Each team must identify a team leader who will take responsibility managing the cohort through the process and be the primary contact for the cohort for CSH.

1. Designated Cohort Leader for the Academy (include complete information below)	
Name	
Organization	
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E-mail	
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Primary Service Area (Cities/Counties)	
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APPLICATION NARRATIVE

Please include a short narrative, no more than one half of a page, responding to each question listed below.

Vulnerable Families with Multi-Systems Involvement

- Briefly describe the need and critical issues in your community related to vulnerable families who are homeless and involved with child welfare. Please include any existing research or reports related to this topic for your region.
- Describe what your community would like to learn or gain out of participation in the Training Academy.
- Briefly describe relevant data sharing, data matching or data driven targeting work occurring between housing, child welfare and other key agencies.

Supportive Housing Resources and Experience

- Please describe the resources for supportive housing for families that exist in your community? Who are the key housing funders and providers?
- For each organization, please include past experience in funding, administering, developing, providing, or managing supportive housing or serving the target population for supportive housing.

Interagency Collaborative Experience

- Describe experience integrating services across programs and agencies. Share relevant experience collaborating, existing productive and relevant MOUs in your community.

