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HOUSING AND HARM
REDUCTION-PROMOTING
SAFE USE

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HOUSING AND
HARM REDUCTION
PROMOTING SAFE
USE

- THE COLUMBUS DOWNTOWN YMCA HOUSES OVER 400 MEN IN A SINGLE ROOM OCCUPANCY BUILDING (SRO)
- THE YMCA HAS A NUMBER FOR HOUSING PROGRAMS INCLUDING PSH AND SCATTERED SITES
- THE DOWNTOWN YMCA ONLY HOUSES MEN WHILE THE OTHER PROGRAM HOUSE MEN AND WOMEN



EDUCATING STAFF

- THE YMCA HOUSING PROGRAMS HAVE NOT ALWAYS OPERATED A HARM REDUCTION APPROACH.
- SINCE 2016 WE HAVE WORKED HARD TO EDUCATE STAFF ON HARM REDUCTION PHILOSOPHY, HOUSING FIRST, SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH.
 - THIS INCLUDES CLINICAL AND OPERATIONS STAFF.
- MANY OF OUR CLINICAL STAFF ARE LISTENED SOCIAL WORKERS AND WE PROMOTE EDUCATION FOR OUR STAFF.
- WE HOLD CLINICAL STAFF MEETINGS ONCE A WEEK, THIS INCLUDES TENANTS OF CONCERN WHERE STAFF DISCUSS CLIENTS IN NEED OF MORE EXTENSIVE CARE.
- WE HOLD SITE MEETINGS (BLENDED OPERATIONS AND CLINICAL), CLIENTS AT RISK FOR LOSING HOUSING ARE DISCUSSED AS WELL AS PLANNED FOLLOW UP BY CASE MANAGERS AND OTHER CLINICAL STAFF.

STAFF ROLES

- TREATMENT EFFECTIVENESS IS PREDICATED ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE CLINICIAN AND THE CLIENT.
- MULTIPLE INTERACTIONS WITH CLINICAL STAFF IS IMPERATIVE TO ESTABLISHING THE TRUSTING RELATIONSHIP THAT IS VITAL TO IMPROVING QUALITY OF LIFE AND RECOVERY.
- PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROVIDES THE OPPORTUNITY TO BUILD LONG-TERM AND TRUSTING RELATIONSHIPS.
- "COUNSELORS WHOSE RECOVERY MAY TAKE A LONG-TIME, NEED ACCESS TO A CONSISTENT PROGRAM OVER MONTHS AND EVEN YEARS" (DRAKE, 2005)
- ACCEPTANCE OF THE CLIENT, AND INSTILLING HOPE IN OUR CLIENTS "ONE OF THE FACTORS WE CAN EXPECT IN OUR CLIENTS IS A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF DEMORALIZATION ABOUT THEIR LACK OF SUCCESS... IT IS IMPORTANT, THEREFORE, THAT PRACTITIONERS ACTIVELY CULTIVATE A STANCE OF HOPE AND COMMUNICATE THAT HOPE TO CLIENTS" (ROBINSON, 2009)



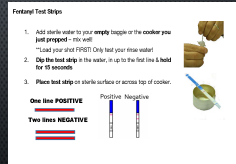
STAFF ROLES-BUILDING TRUST AND RAPPORT

- OVER HALF OF DEPRESSED ADULTS NEVER RECEIVE TREATMENT OF ANY SORT (KOHN, SAXENA, LEVAV, & SHKEDI, 2004)
- ACTIVE AND ATTENTIVE LISTENING IS KEY, "ONCE GENUINE UNDERSTANDING IS ACHIEVED, [CAN] COLLABORATIVE PROBLEM SOLVING [HAPPEN]" (PRICE, BROOK & O'HARA, 2014)
- BOTH CLINICAL AND OPERATIONAL STAFF ARE ENGAGED AND PROVIDE ONGOING SUPPORT OF RESIDENTS
- PROVIDING BIOPSYCHOSOCIAL ASSESSMENTS TO OUR CLIENTS AS WELL AS OBTAINING ANY COLLATERAL INFORMATION OR OTHER ASSESSMENTS TO BEST TREAT THEIR NEEDS
- PHOTO OF BOB FOR (JUST BECAUSE)
- "THE CONSISTENTLY DETRIMENTAL PERFORMANCE OF THE CHRONICALLY HOMELESS IS CONFOUNDING... THEREFORE IT IS INCUMBENT UPON PROVIDERS TO DEVELOP PROGRAMS (SUCH AS HOUSING FIRST) THAT WILL ENCOURAGE THE POTENTIAL FOR RESILIENCY" (DAVIDSON, OCHOA-SANJUAN, MANGSCHURIA, & FEIN, 2013)
- TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION BOTH PAST TRAUMA AND TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY MAY HAVE ON THE DECISION MAKING PROCESS WHEN ENGAGING CLIENTS



WHAT ARE OUR GOALS: TO KEEP OUR CLIENTS HOUSED, IMPROVE THEIR QUALITY OF LIFE AND TO KEEP THEM ALIVE...

- WE DO NOT EVICT RESIDENTS FOR USING
- WE HAVE NARCAN ON SITE AND OFFER PUBLIC NARCAN TRAININGS THROUGH OUR PARTNERSHIPS TO PROVIDE FREE NARCAN THROUGH THESE TRAININGS
- WE PROVIDE FREE FENTANYL TEST STRIPS TO OUR CLIENTS AND ENCOURAGE THEM TO PASS THEM ON TO OTHER USERS
- (IMAGE COURTESY HARM REDUCTION COALITION <http://harmreductioncoalition.com/what-we-do/education/>)



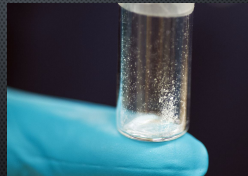
OUTREACH SERVICES

- MEET WITH CLIENTS AFTER NARCAN HAS BEEN USED AND PROVIDE INFORMATION FOR TREATMENT AND OTHER SUPPORTS
- COLUMBUS PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE COUNTY CORONER RELEASE PUBLIC SAFETY WARNINGS WHEN THERE IS AN INCREASE IN OVERDOSES
 - THESE ARE POSTED THROUGHOUT THE BUILDING
- ENGAGE KNOWN USERS AND LET THEM BE AWARE OF THE OVERDOSE SURGES
- (IMAGE COURTESY OF HARM REDUCTION COALITION <http://harmreductioncoalition.com/what-we-do/education/>)
- PARTNER WITH OTHER AGENCIES TO PROVIDE TREATMENT OPTIONS FOR NOT ONLY SUBSTANCE ABUSE BUT ALSO FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
- LOOKING AT OTHER METHODS TO INCREASE SAFETY AND AWARENESS FOR OUR RESIDENTS
 - BRAVE TECHNOLOGY
 - KEEPING UP TO DATE ON HARM REDUCTION BEST PRACTICES





PROVIDING EDUCATION FOR THE CLIENTS

- WHEN FENTANYL IS DETECTED SUGGEST WAYS FOR THE USER TO DEER AN OVERDOSE
 - NOT USE THE DRUG
 - USE LESS
 - ALTERNATIVE ROUTES OF ADMINISTRATION
 - FIND A PARTNER TO PROVIDE SAFETY
- THERE IS LESS CHANCE OF AN OVERDOSE IF PEOPLE USE TOGETHER
- SIGNS OF FENTANYL
 - COLOR: FENTANYL TENDS TO BE WHITE
 - MAY CAUSE ITCHING, RESTLESSNESS AND OTHER PHYSIOLOGICAL SYMPTOMS THAT ARE DIFFERENT SOME USERS



PROVIDING
EDUCATION AND
CONTINUED SUPPORT
FOR CLIENTS


- SAFEPOINT-COLUMBUS'S SYRINGE EXCHANGE, WE ARE ACTIVE PARTNERS WITH SAFEPOINT HELPING WITH REFERRALS AND OUTREACH SERVICES
- ENCOURAGE OUR CLIENTS TO USE SAFELY AND ACCESS SAFEPOINT SERVICES
- PROVIDE FLYERS AND CARDS FOR SAFEPOINT HOURS
- ENCOURAGE SAFE DISPOSAL OF SYRINGES

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Criminalization violates human rights



US ICCPR Review 2014: Cruel, Inhuman, and Degrading

"I'm just simply baffled by the idea that people can be without shelter in a country, and then be treated as criminals for being without shelter..."

—Sir Nigel Rodley, Chair of the U.N. Human Rights Committee, former U.N. Special Rapporteur on Torture

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Trespassing laws are regularly used to criminalize sleeping in public, undermining Charleston's 'Housing First' approach to homelessness

Sleepless in Charleston

By Adam Manno [Follow @adam_manno](#)

...Lt. Heath King of the Charleston Police Department said, "Those tickets should be a catalyst for people to be moving in the right direction." ...



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Visible homelessness → Criminalization

The number of homeless encampments reported has increased by **1,342%** in the last ten years

69% growth in prohibitions on camping city-wide between 2006-2016

The number of cities that ban **LIVING IN VEHICLES** has increased by **143%** in the last ten years

31% increase in bans on sleeping in public city-wide

88% increase in bans on loitering, loafing, and vagrancy

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'A turning of the tide'? San Diego repeals 35-year-old law that punished homeless people

Kristin Lam 2/7/2019

His owner Tera is homeless, too.

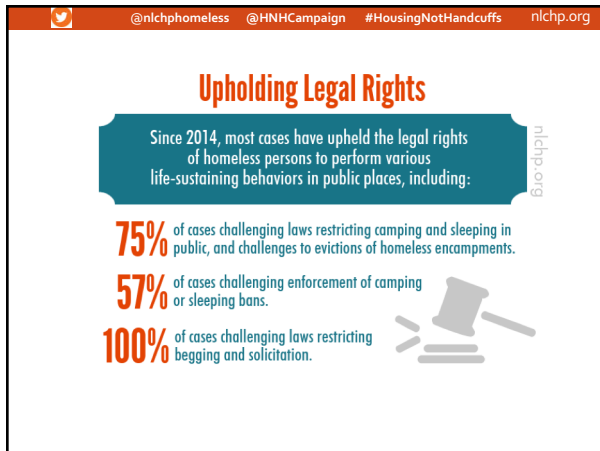
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A decision this week by the San Diego City Council will stop people from living in their vehicles.

Advocates hope other cities will follow the lead and seek more constructive policies on homelessness.

SCORING POINTS
How Ending the Criminalization of Homelessness Can Increase HUD Funding to Your Community
July 2018
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St. Joseph Center

St. Joseph Center's mission is to provide working poor families, as well as homeless, men, women and children of all ages, with the inner resources and tools to become productive, stable and self-supporting members of the community.




St. Joseph Center (SIC) was founded on July 8, 1976 by two Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. Though we are a separately incorporated 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, we retain an affiliation with the Sisters as a "Sponsored Institution."



Benefits of A Diverse Workplace

- Increase in Creativity
- Increase in Productivity
- Increase in Positive Branding
- Increase in Cultural Empathy and Community/Client Engagement



St. Joseph Center

10,000+

Low-income and homeless people reached through outreach and direct services



Outreach & Engagement

- 5,610 homeless men, women, and children engaged
- 2,202 of these people were successfully linked to services/enrolled in housing program
- 27,000 hot, nutritious meals served to homeless men and women at Bread and Roses Café
- 150,000 meals prepared at home by Food Pantry clients using groceries received from St. Joseph Center

*FY 17-18 Totals

Housing

- 472 homeless people placed in permanent housing
- 1,000 formerly homeless men, women, and children assisted to retain housing

Mental Health

- 333 men, women, and children benefitted from life-changing mental health services

Education & Vocational

- 42 men and women graduated from our Culinary Training Program; 75% found jobs
- 35 women graduated from Codetalk, our web development training program; 75% found jobs
- 60 children ages 18 months to 5 years old received educational and enriching childcare



Racial Disparities Data

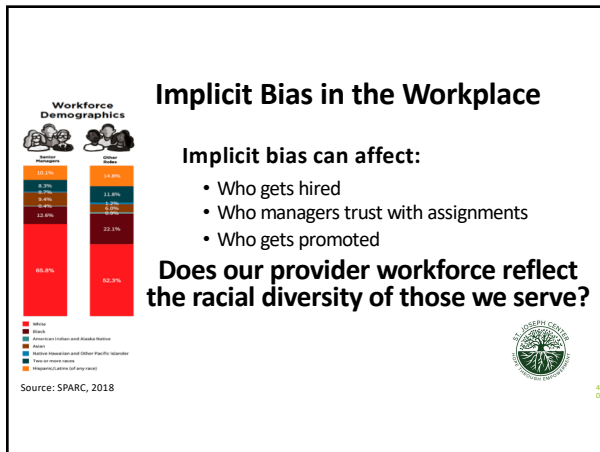
United States	General Population	Deep Poverty	Homeless
White	73.8%	59.7%	48.6%
Black	12.4%	23.5%	42.6%
American Indian and Alaska Native	0.8%	1.6%	2.5%
Asian	5.2%	4.6%	.8%
Native American and Other Pacific Islander	.2%	.2%	1.1%
Two or more races	3.0%	3.9%	4.6%
Hispanic/Latinx (of any race)	17.2%	24.3%	16.9%

Source: SPARC, 2018

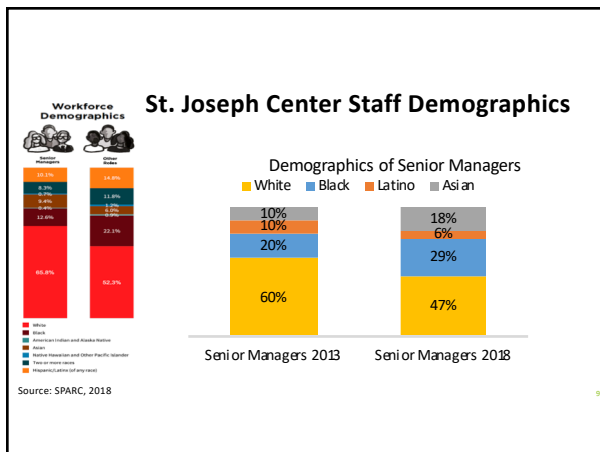
How Did We Get Here?

- Historical Racism and White Supremacist Ideology
- Privileges associated with “whiteness”
- Disadvantages associated with “color”
- Institutional Racism
- Explicit/Implicit Bias









Building a Race Equity Culture: The Race Equity Cycle

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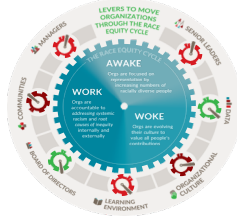
- Focus on *people* and on building a workforce and boards comprised of individuals from different race backgrounds

WOKE

- Focus on *culture* and creating an environment where everyone is comfortable sharing their experiences, and everyone is equipped to talk about race equity and inequities

WORK

- Focus on *systems* to improve race equity



Source: Equity in the Center, 2018

Creating Racial Equity in Your Organization Full Session @ 1:30 – 3:15 PM



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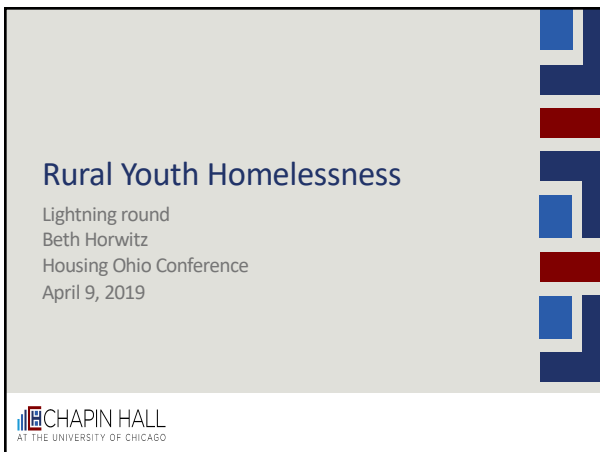








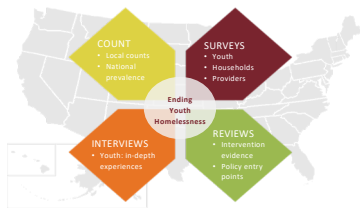


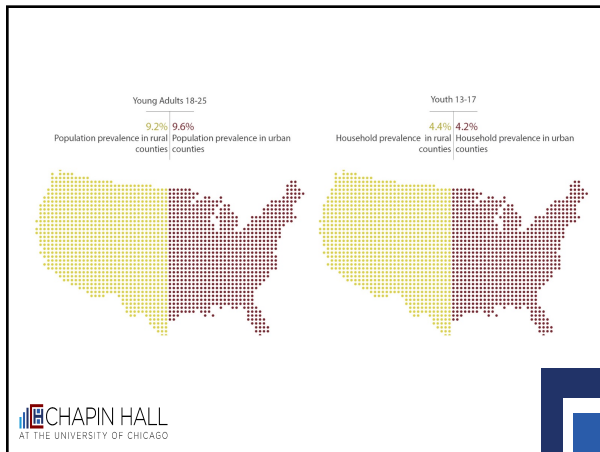


Voices of Youth Count

- National policy research initiative designed to fill gaps about:
 - Who experiences homelessness as a young person?
 - How and when youth become homeless?
 - How many youth experience homelessness?
 - How can we intervene so that youth homelessness becomes rare, brief, and one time?

Comprehensive Data Collection

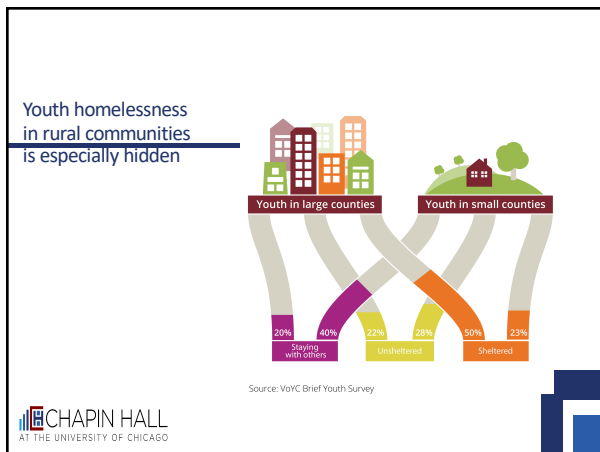




Limited Services

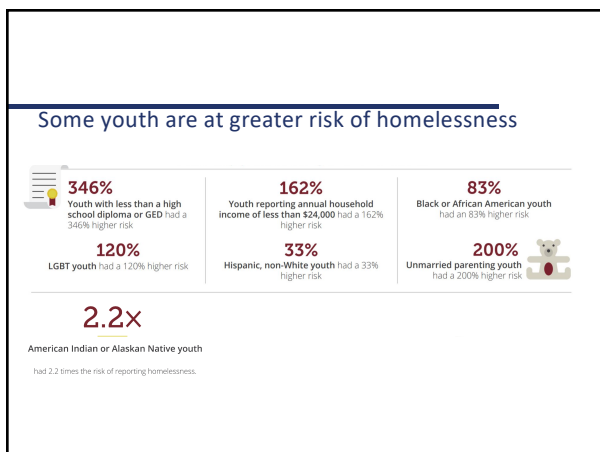
- Half of the small VoYC counties had **no programs** specifically for runaway and homeless youth; those that did had only 1-2 programs
- Broader youth serving organizations were primary service providers for youth experiencing homelessness
- Lack of services tailored to youth shapes young people's experiences

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Missed Opportunities: Youth Homelessness in Rural America
October 2018

Missed Opportunities: LGBTQ Youth Homelessness in America
The second in a series of Research-to-Impact briefs by Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago

Missed Opportunities: Pregnant and Parenting Youth Experiencing Homelessness in America
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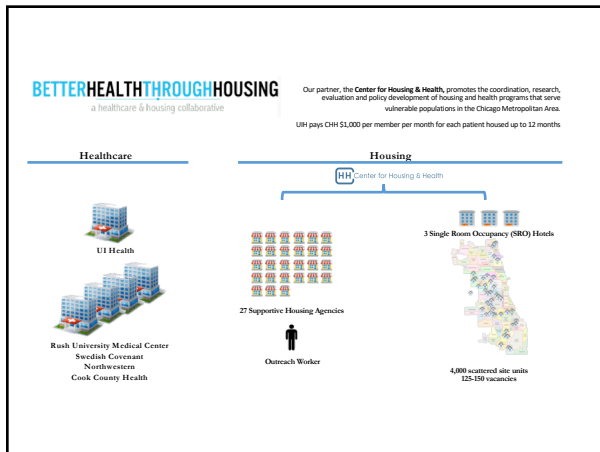
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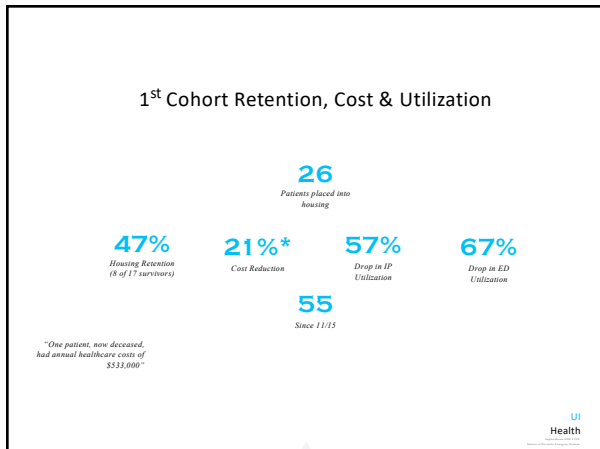
Lessons Learned



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Lesson # 1:
Homelessness is a dangerous health condition.

health risks

- 30% mortality rate
- Mortality higher in the unsheltered (3.6x)
- Metastatic Cancer: 20%

Lesson # 2:

The homeless are
invisible in
healthcare.

- Started with 48 in 2015
- 4,800 since 2010
- 1,240 current patients

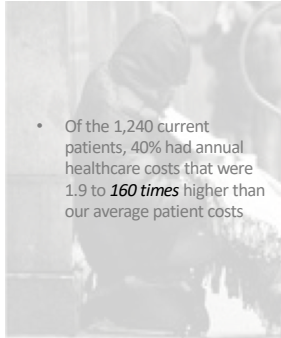


underreporting

Lesson # 3:

The chronically
homeless have
exorbitant healthcare
costs & utilization.

- Of the 1,240 current patients, 40% had annual healthcare costs that were 1.9 to **160 times** higher than our average patient costs

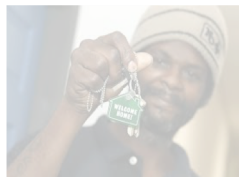


prevalence

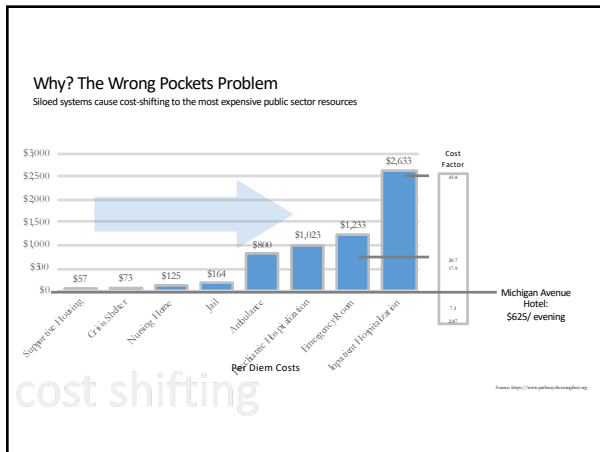
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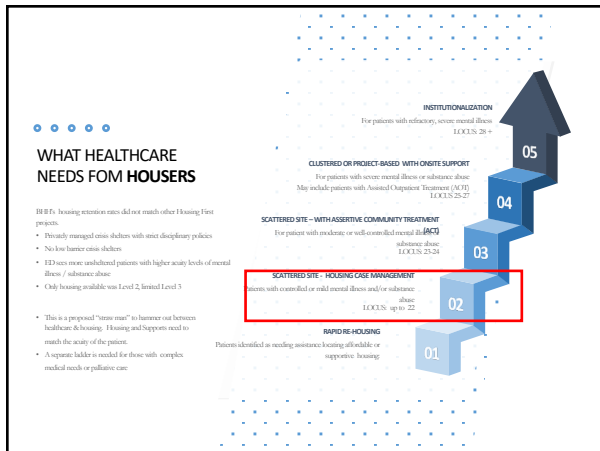
Going forward, all solutions
should be multi-sector
solutions.

Its called **Collective Impact**





prevalence





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