

**Partnering for Family Success**  
**A partnership between behavioral health**  
**and child welfare**

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**Purpose of the Program**

- Identify families experiencing homelessness and housing instability who also have children in out of home placement
- Provide housing, case management, and therapy in order to reduce time spent in foster care

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**Interventions Utilized**

- Critical Time Intervention
- Trauma Adapted-Family Connections
- Individual Therapy for adult or child
- Partnership with Public Housing Authority and other housing providers

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## Challenges in Partnering with Child Welfare

- Incorporating Housing First mindset into child welfare practice
- Housing by itself doesn't lead to reunification in most cases
- Child welfare staff viewed treatment team staff as enabling parents
- Defining who the "client" is

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## Overcoming the Challenges and Building a Partnership

- Relationship and trust building
- Cross system education
- Advocacy for clients/families
- Case conferencing

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## Client Story

- Brittany and her 3 children
  - \*Name and some details altered to protect family's identity



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