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

Interventions Utilized

• Critical Time Intervention

• Trauma Adapted-Family Connections

• Individual Therapy for adult or child

• Partnership with Public Housing Authority and other housing providers
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

Overcoming the Challenges and Building a Partnership

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

Client Story

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