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Closing the Gap: Reentry to Housing

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CLOSING THE GAP: REENTRY TO HOUSING

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OBJECTIVES

- Understand barriers to housing: single women with children, mental health and justice involved individuals
- Discussing stereotypes and stigmas related to reentry as well as resources to overcome barriers.
- Delivery of innovative housing options and services to meet the needs of justice involved individuals.
- Exploring how master leasing promotes stable housing
- Educating individuals on how to be better tenants and maintain housing.

HOUSING DISCRIMINATION STATISTICS

- Complaints alleging discrimination because of

1. **Disability:** 53.26% or 17,580 up
2. **Race:** 17.63% or 5,819 steady
3. **Sex:** 7.54% or 2,490 up
4. **Familial status:** 6.50% or 2,147 down
5. **National Origin:** 4.95% or 1,653 down
6. **Other:** 17.03% or 5,622 up by 3%, highest gain

HOMELESSNESS AND DISCRIMINATION

As rents increase faster than incomes, Ohio rents are risk for homelessness and evictions

25% of Ohio renters were spending at least half their income on housing

There are 447,717 extremely low-income (ELI) renters in Ohio, but only 177,318 rental homes are affordable and available to them — leaving a shortage of 270,399 units.

The affordability gap between supply and demand for the lowest income renters is now widening with a net loss of more than 15,000 affordable units

SINGLE WOMEN WITH CHILDREN HOUSING PROBLEMS

- Rental discrimination
 - Sexual and racial harassment
 - Women with disabilities 8 time more likely to be a victim of Domestic Violence than nondisabled women
 - Crime-Free and Nuisance Ordinances or Regulations
- Income and Expense problems including:
 - Rising rents,
 - Lack of affordable childcare
 - Lack of flexible work schedules



PEOPLE WITH JUSTICE INVOLVEMENT HOUSING PROBLEMS

- Denial of housing based on arrest records.
- Blanket bans on anyone with a criminal record.
- Conducting background checks inconsistently, performing them on some and not others based on stereotypes or fear.
- Being denied reasonable accommodations in the screening process
- **According to HUD guidance, housing providers must :**
 - Consider individuals on a case-by-case basis and evaluate the nature and severity of the crime, and consider the length of time that has passed since that crime was committed.
 - Make a determination based on facts and evidence, and not a perceived threat.



OPENING THE DOORS TO HOUSING THROUGH EDUCATION



HOUSING AND HEALTH

[Millions of people in the United States](#) who are living with mental health challenges face additional barriers to accessing and maintaining stable housing.

Stable and affordable housing is one evidence-based way to support people's mental health—regardless of the severity of their mental health challenges or illness.



OVERCOME BARRIERS

Severe and persistent mental illness

Substance Use

Lack of life skills

Lack of resources or supports

Opportunities

The programs includes job training, counseling, substance abuse treatment, and assistance in securing permanent housing after their exit from the program.

Facilitate a warm handoff to community organizations that can provide services such as housing, health services, and other wraparound services.

SUPPORTIVE RECOVERY- ORIENTED HOUSING

Recovery housing supports recovery and prevent relapse, recidivism, and overdose.

Improving outcomes with
Medication

Assisted Treatment and
other BH services




Planning – A Road Map

Length of stay - short term and long-term options available.

Individualized program plan components (such as cognitive behavioral treatment and behavioral health treatment).

Recommendations are **determined by each client's assessed needs** and the requirements of the supervising agency.

		RECOVERY RESIDENCE LEVELS OF SUPPORT			
		LEVEL I Peer-Run	LEVEL II Monitored	LEVEL III Supervised	LEVEL IV Service Provider
STANDARDS CRITERIA	ADMINISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Democratically run • Manual or P&P 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • House manager or senior resident • Policy and Procedures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organizational hierarchy • Administrative oversight for service providers • Policy and Procedures • Licensing varies from state to state 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overseen organizational hierarchy • Clinical and administrative supervision • Policy and Procedures • Licensing varies from state to state
	SERVICES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drug Screening • House meetings • Self help meetings encouraged 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • House rules provide structure • Peer run groups • Drug Screening • House meetings • Involvement in self help and/or treatment services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Life skill development emphasis • Clinical services utilized in outside community • Service hours provided in house 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clinical services and programming are provided in house • Life skill development
	RESIDENCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generally single family residences 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primarily single family residences • Possibly apartments or other dwelling types 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Varies – all types of residential settings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All types – often a step down phase within care continuum of a treatment center • May be a more institutional in environment
	STAFF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No paid positions within the residence • Perhaps an overseeing officer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least 1 compensated position 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facility manager • Certified staff or case managers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Credentialed staff

KEY RESOURCES

A program that provides comprehensive services

- Housing specialist

Assists in location of private or subsidized housing.

- Classes

Budgeting, relationship building with landlords & neighbors, life skills, and crisis prevention & resolution.

- Personalized plan

Combination of case management, health services, career development, and counseling support, to help clients reintegrate into their communities.

- Peer-support and mentorship among releasees

IMPROVE DAILY LIVING SKILLS

- Addiction and mental illness can be all consuming
- Lack of knowledge about the basics of hygiene, home care and maintenance, cooking, cleaning or doing laundry.
- Counseling (mental health/substance use issues), group sessions, and enrichment activities can be used to improve and facilitate learning of daily living skills.

Treatment Services

- Integrated behavioral healthcare treatment services for men and women.
- Intensive outpatient and outpatient levels of care (based on assessed needs).

Services include:

- Individualized assessment and treatment for substance use disorder and mental health disorders,
- Medication-assisted treatment,
- Individual and group counseling
- Peer support
- Relapse prevention and aftercare.

Oasis: Recovery Housing for Men

A safe environment for men that offers supports their recovery and assists them in successfully transitioning into the workforce and independent living. Located on 460 Nelson Road, it consists of a total of 47 beds with 24 dedicated CRC beds.

Clients receive case management and peer support services to:

- Maintain sobriety,
- Form stronger familial relationships,
- Engage in additional treatment as needed,
- Engage in workforce development skills training,
- Seek employment and enter the workforce,
- Achieve financial independence, and
- Transition to a permanent residence.

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Amethyst

Amethyst provides client-centered recovery services in a safe, sober community for drug and alcohol dependent women and women with children. Located at 455 Mound Street, Columbus.

Individualized services include:

- Both traditional and intensive outpatient treatment for addiction
- Supportive housing
- Psychiatric services with medical support
- Mental health and trauma treatment
- Outpatient and all levels of outpatient services
- Family services
- Job readiness and placement

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Recovery Housing for Women

Level II and Level III Recovery Housing for women which provide a safe environment to support recovery and assist them in making a successful transition to independent living.

Locations at 803 Town Street location offering 32 units and an additional apartment building with 11 units for women or women and children. As well as three homes that can house at least 25 women.

Clients receive case management and peer support services to:

- Maintain sobriety & form stronger familial relationships,
- Engage in additional treatment as needed,
- Participate in workforce development services and job placement assistance,
- Achieve financial independence, and transition to a permanent residence.
- Specialized programming for women who have become involved in human trafficking is available.

Women's Recovery Housing Intake

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Phone: (614) 242-1284

Recovery Choices

Integrated behavioral healthcare treatment services for men and women. Located 1289 Livingston Ave, Columbus.

Intensive outpatient and outpatient levels of care (based on assessed needs).

Services include

- Individualized assessment and treatment for substance use disorder and mental health disorders,
- Medication-assisted treatment,
- Individual and group counseling, and
- Relapse prevention and aftercare.

Recovery Choices Intake

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Community Reentry Center

Individuals may self-refer to the Community Reentry Center, which is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 am to 5:00pm.

Services include:

- Career assessment, coaching & job retention support services,
- Soft skills training and industry-recognized hard skills certification training,
- Resume development, interview skills training, and job search assistance,
- Care coordination services and linkages to additional job skills training, education and certification programs,
- Referrals to community services and assistance enrolling in SNAP and/or Medicaid, if eligible, and
- Assistance obtaining state IDs and related documents for work.

Community Reentry Center

Address: 1991 Bryden Road, Columbus, OH 43205

Phone: (614) 252-0660

Email: WorkforceDevelopment@alvis180.org



SUPPORTIVE COMMUNICATION

- Open discussion
- Scheduled meetings for follow up
- Including the individual
- Pre meetings to review resources
- Accessibility
- Clear expectations, commitments and agreements



INNOVATIVE HOUSING OPTIONS AND SERVICES



A MASTER LEASE IS A TYPE OF LEASE THAT GIVES THE LESSEE THE RIGHT TO CONTROL AND SUBLEASE THE PROPERTY DURING THE LEASE, WHILE THE OWNER RETAINS THE LEGAL TITLE. IN THIS CASE, A HOUSING AUTHORITY OR SERVICE PROVIDER WOULD BE THE LESSEE, ALLOWING THEM TO SUBLEASE THE PROPERTY TO ITS CLIENTS.

NATIONAL ALLIANCE TO END
HOMELESSNESS

What is
Master
Leasing?

MASTER LEASE = STABILITY

A MASTER LEASE PROGRAM COULD INCREASE STABILITY FOR LOW-AND MODERATE INCOME RENTERS

(JAKBOVICS, A & ALLISON, C, 2017)

- ❖ Almost half of renters pay more than 30 percent of their income on rent.
- ❖ 26 percent of renters pay more than 50 percent.
- ❖ The master lease model provides a more affordable housing option for renters because this model only requires repurposing units, not new development.

BENEFITS FOR JUSTICE INVOLVED

- Quick stable housing
- No application fees
- Builds rental history
- Ability to save money for independent housing

BEST PRACTICES



Build a solid network of housing providers



Build positive relationships with housing providers



Maintain multiple funds of revenue



Ensure a variety of wrap around services are available



Share success stories

BUILDING A NETWORK- WRAP AROUND SERVICES



PROPOSED NEW HOUSING LEGISLATION HB 50

QUESTIONS?

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RESOURCES

STATE AND FEDERAL FAIR HOUSING RESOURCES FOR FILING A COMPLAINT

- Ohio Civil Rights Commission (OCRC)
- Visit <https://civ.ohio.gov/>
- **Email:** PACE@civ.ohio.gov
- **Phone:** [\(888\) 278-7101](tel:(888)278-7101)



- Department of Housing and Urban Renewal (HUD) contact The Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity (FHEO)
- Visit <https://www.hud.gov/fairhousing>
- You can speak with an FHEO intake specialist by calling 1-800-669-9777 or TTY: 1-800-877-8339

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- Ohio Civil Rights Commission –Columbus- <https://crc.ohio.gov/>
- HUD Fair Housing Office –Columbus- <https://www.hud.gov/states/ohio/working/fheo>

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