



## Cross-System Stakeholder Planning, Leadership Structures and Decision Making

To effectively create a housing solution for families involved with multiple systems of care, communities must assemble a solid, collaborative leadership team. This critical component of the process brings together leaders from multiple systems of care to help align and connect resources and maximize the opportunities to best serve families

Below are some key planning considerations for step two of our Child Welfare and Supportive Housing Roadmap: Formalizing a Cross-System Stakeholder Planning Team.

### Formalizing a Cross-System Stakeholder Planning Team

- **Create a cross-system stakeholder planning team** by utilizing existing collaborative structures or bringing together stakeholders around a new project.
- Though **the make-up will look different in each community**, start with stakeholders and leadership from Housing Authorities, Continuums of Care and the Child Welfare Agency. Consider including representatives of healthcare, domestic violence and government.
- **Design a collaborative structure** that allows for shared accountability and decision-making, and blending of resources.

### Examples from Communities

- Colorado's Boulder County IMPACT Collaboration is a risk-sharing model based on a cooperative arrangement to blend staff, resources and multiple funding sources between the partner agencies. The project has integrated services in order to achieve program outcomes and to effectively meet the needs of the county's most at-risk children, youth and families.
- Broward County's HEART Supportive Housing partners unify staff to create a multi-system team, known as HEART, for families served. The shared mission, priorities and values were identified up front, creating the basis for role clarification and strong interagency communication.

## Reference Documents

### CSH Resources

- [CSH One Roof Family Supportive Housing Initiative](#)
- [8 Steps Roadmap to Supportive Housing & Child Welfare Partnerships](#)
- [CSH Family Resources](#)
- [Ensuring Family Voice While Navigating Multiple Systems: The Family Team Meeting Strategy in Supportive Housing](#)
- [Welcome Home: Design and Practice Guidance for Supportive Housing for Families with Children](#)
- [Interagency Collaboration: Moving the Needle on Supportive Housing & Child Welfare](#)
- [A Practice Framework for Delivering Services to Families in Supportive Housing](#)

### Additional Resources

- [USICH Case Studies Demonstrating the Effectiveness of Supportive Housing for Families in the Child Welfare System](#)
- [HEART Summary](#)

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