



Discharge Planning

Welcome and Introduction

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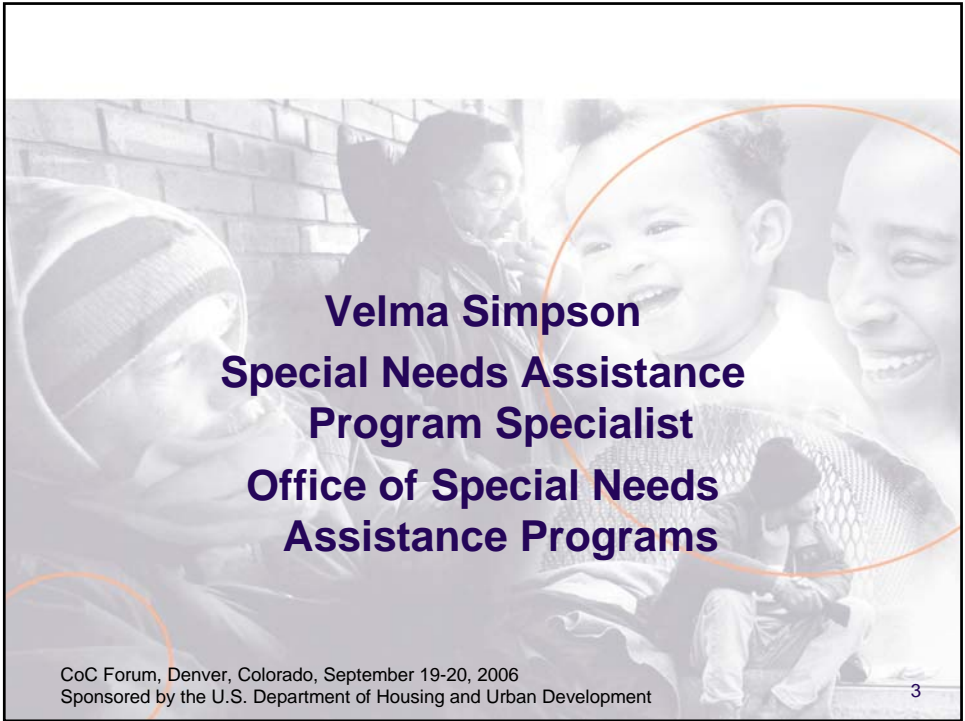
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HUD Perspective

Discharge Planning

- 42 USC Sec. 11362
Discharge Coordination Code ...any governmental entity serving as an applicant must agree to develop and implement, to the **maximum** extent practical and where appropriate, policies and protocols for the discharge of persons from publicly funded institutions or systems of care (such as health care facilities, foster care or other youth facilities, or correction programs and institutions) in order to prevent such discharge from immediately resulting in homelessness for such persons.
- Governmental Entity- State and local governments, entitlement communities, territories, and any governmental entity applying for McKinney-Vento funds

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CoC Role

- Facilitator
- Collaborator
- Not provision of housing with McKinney-Vento resources

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Requirements for CoCs & Grantees

- Any Continuum applying for funds required to work with appropriate governmental entity to develop discharge policies
 - Evidence of such partnership includes memorandum of understanding, written commitments or other such documentation
- CoC receives points for progress on discharge planning as part of their overall Continuum Process and Strategy.

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Implications for CoCs & Grantees

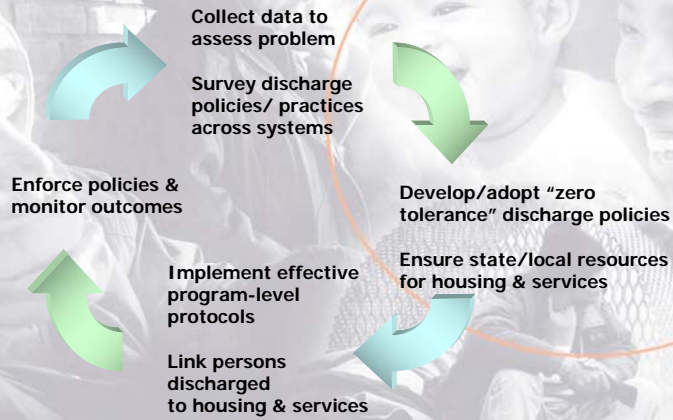
- Emphasis on integration of CoC Plans with other plans including state/local 10-year plans, the Consolidated Plan, and institutional discharge plans.
- Opportunities presented by this

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Collaborating to Improve Discharge Practices

Key Strategies/Steps



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Overview: Why do we Care?

- Institutional Exits are Funnels into Homeless Shelters
- Breaking the Cycle of Repeat Episodes of Homelessness
- Key Institutions
- The Cost of Inaction
- Aligning Money and Resources
- Achieving Transformation

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Data: Know Your People

- What We Want to Know
- Why We Want to Know It
- Where Change is Needed: Setting Priorities
- Use the Cost-Effectiveness Analysis
- Track Success as you Achieve It

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Action One: Develop Effective Policies

- Comprehensive
- Succeed Across Differences
- Policy Fosters Process
- Policy Supports Collaboration Institutions - Community
- Articulate Desired Outcome
- Global Policy for all Public Institutions

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Action Two: Protocol and Procedures

- **Define Staff Action**
- **Create Common Screening Instruments**
- **Comprehensive Assessment**
- **Staff Training**
- **Client Preparation**
- **Community-Based Provider Partnerships**
- **Communication System**
- **Dedicated Funding**
- **Expand Residential Capacity**

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Action Three: The Politics of Enforcement Practices in a Resource-Constrained Environment

- State Law
- Accreditation Standards
- Connect Policy to Funding
- Contract Obligations
- Performance-Based Budgeting

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Action Four: Collect Data

- Quality Assurance
- Monitor Progress
- Allow Appropriate Interventions
- Surveys and Studies
- Revise

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Conclusion: Getting Started

- Work Together
- Convene Event
- Focus on Major Institutions
- Look at Examples
- Look at Program Examples of Strategies Underway:
 - See the Discharge and Transition Planning Section of the Materials for Development of California's 10 Year Chronic Homelessness Action Plan
 - <http://www.homebaseccc.org/ca10yearplan.html>

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- From *Homeless No More* – Washington, DC’s plan to end homelessness by 2014
- *All public agencies will develop “zero tolerance” policies and procedures to assure that none of their consumers exit to a homeless shelter or the street.*

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“Discharge planning” is defined as:

- “The process and practice of preparing a person determined to be homeless, or at risk of homelessness, for return or re-entry to the community, including linking that individual to housing and essential community services and supports.”

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Elements of Effective Discharge Planning:

- Begin Planning Upon **ENTRY** to Institution
- Non-McKinney-Vento Housing
- Consumer Involvement
- Cultural Competence
- Health Care & Treatment
- Income, Employment & Entitlements
- Personal Support
- Life Skills Training
- Plan for Difficult Cases

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