



# Prevention, Diversion, and Rapid Exit

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# Objectives

- **Provide a framework for distinguishing between homelessness prevention, diversion, and rapid exit.**
- **Describe how rapid resolution and housing problem-solving fit into that prevention/diversion/rapid-exit schema.**



# Navigating the Stream

Prevention



Diversion



Rapid Exit



# Homelessness Prevention

**Efforts to prevent housing crises from occurring and to prevent people who do experience such crises from experiencing homelessness.**



## **Prevention strategies in *Home, Together*:**

- Activities that reduce the prevalence of risk of housing crises within communities
- Activities that reduce the risk of homelessness while households are engaged with or are transitioning from systems
- *Activities that target assistance to prevent housing crises that do occur from escalating further and resulting in homelessness*





# Diversion

**Efforts to assist people to resolve their immediate housing crisis by accessing alternatives to entering emergency shelter or an unsheltered setting.**



## Diversion occurs:

- at the point people request emergency services, such as entry into emergency shelter
- through a day center or outreach before a person spends a night unsheltered







## Rapid Exit

**Efforts to help a household move as quickly as possible back into housing with the support of light services and the smallest amount of financial assistance appropriate.**



## Rapid exit occurs:

- after a household has entered emergency shelter or spent a night unsheltered





# Housing Problem- Solving

**Strengths-based, client-centered conversations focused on helping a household identify and access options for resolving their housing crisis.**

**This resolution is typically accomplished through natural supports and community-based resources.**



## Housing problem-solving occurs:

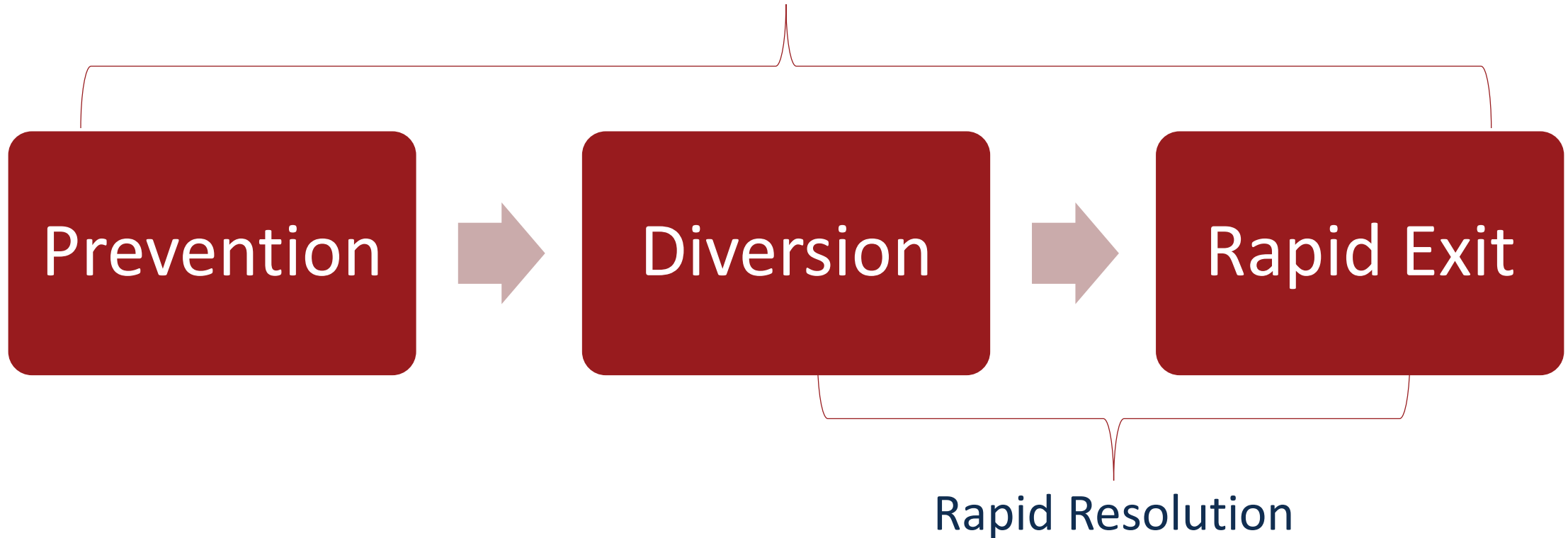
- throughout the prevention, diversion, rapid exit continuum





# Navigating the Stream

## Housing Problem-Solving Approaches





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