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
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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Rapid Resolution
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