



The Journey Back: Housing After Homelessness or Incarceration

Supportive, stable, affordable housing for citizens returning from incarceration, or exiting homelessness, is critical to successful re-entry into the community.

Healing from the trauma of incarceration or the experiences of being unhoused requires a comprehensive approach to healthy and effective support. This workshop will highlight a continuum of proven housing options designed to promote healing and recovery from trauma.

Second Chance Center is a nationally recognized non-profit that works with formerly incarcerated citizens around healing and recovery. “Never Going Back” is the motto and the work.

BeauxSimone Consulting will highlight the capacity building work needed to support a grassroots non-profit in providing a spectrum of housing options for returning citizens and those exiting homelessness.



Providence at the Heights (PATH)

- 50 units of PSH in Aurora, CO
 - 40 1br, 10 2br
- Focus Population
 - Returning citizens & individuals/family exiting homelessness
- Services Provided
 - Care management, peer mentoring, employment services, addiction treatment, counseling, reintegration programs

Providence at the Heights (PATH)

Housing Colorado's 2020 Eagle
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PATH Sources and Uses

Use	Amount	Source	Amount
Direct Construction Costs	\$9,389,429	LIHTC Equity	\$10,549,205
Developer Fee and Overhead	\$1,480,000	CHFA First Mortgage	\$1,532,900
Capitalized Service Reserve	\$493,333	Credit Suisse Deferred Loan	\$750,000
Third Party Professional Fees	\$544,571	State of Colorado Division of Housing Loan	\$750,000
Financing Costs	\$797,691	Deferred Developer Fee	\$629,767
City Fees	\$669,814		
Insurance, reserves and other fees	\$362,034		
Land Acquisition	\$475,000		
Total	\$14,211,872	Total	\$14,211,872

Trauma-Informed Design

- Housing that promotes healing and well-being
- Holistic, culturally relevant, and trauma-informed approach
- Prevent furthering trauma and promote healing past traumas





- Welcome Desk/Lobby Area
- Open Stairwells
- Clear lines of sight
- Open doorways
- No bars in showers/closets
- Glass windows in offices
- Warmer colors—Earth tones
- Bringing in elements from the outside
- Biophilia—connection to nature, indoors and out





Open spaces with Natural Light



Shared Kitchen Space/Sitting Area





Who Lives at PATH?

Families & Individuals who were:

- Homeless, including those living on the streets and in shelters
- Living in overcrowded conditions and/or couch-surfing
- Living in places not meant for human habitation, i.e., cars, garages, abandoned buildings, etc.
- **Being discharged from prison or other systems of care into homelessness**

“ [Getting a call that I got an apartment] shocked the shit out of me – but I got it – there I was just sleeping on the concrete and now I had an apartment!”

“ The impression I get from most of the [staff] is that they’ve been through something – when they say ‘let me see what I can do’, it’s not superficial.”







Service Models & Philosophies



Housing First





Trauma Informed Care





Accepts substance use as a fact of life and recognized its role as a way of coping with the consequences of social problems (trauma). It does not try to remove a person's primary coping mechanisms until and when others are in place





It's a place that feels like home...



Staff at PATH

Individualized services are offered to all residents to meet the diverse needs of residents in the building.

Services include (not limited to):

- Care management
- Employment services
- Mental health & substance abuse services
- Support groups
- Independent living skills
- One-on-one mentoring
- Assistance accessing entitlement benefits (e.g veteran's benefits and/or social security & family reunification)
- Children's programming for trauma recovery and educational advancement



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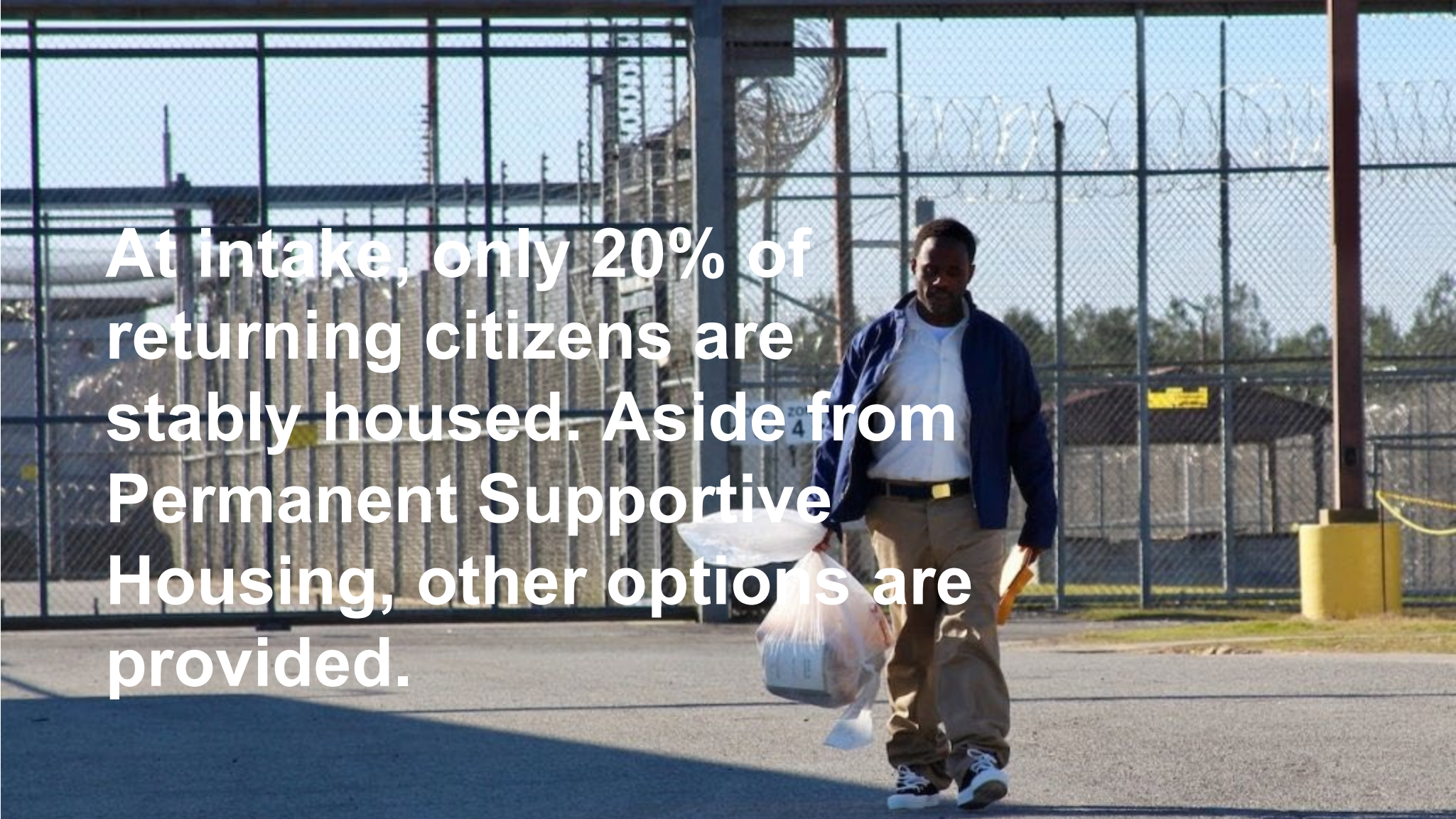
Cuddle Goats!





Outcomes at PATH

- 41 of the original residents lived at PATH after Year 1
- 32 of the original residents still live at PATH after Year 2
- 37 individuals/Families are engaged in some form of services
- 35 individuals are connected to partnerships and groups such as P2P, Circle of Parents, STRIDE, Martinez Mobile Dental, Beautifully Broken and Addiction Education and Relapse Prevention
- 4 Families have been able to reunite with adult children

A man in a blue jacket and khaki pants walks across a paved area in front of a high-security prison fence. The fence is topped with multiple layers of barbed wire. In the background, there are prison buildings and a yellow trash can. The man is carrying a white plastic bag and a yellow folder. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

At intake, only 20% of returning citizens are stably housed. Aside from Permanent Supportive Housing, other options are provided.

Aside from Permanent Supportive Housing, other options include:

Emergency

The first few days post-release are critical. Getting people into immediate short-term shelter is a key indicator of positive outcomes.

Transitional

Master leases on large private homes give residents several months of breathing space they need to find a job and/or pursue career training.

Affordable Workforce

Providing down payment and rental assistance to live independently as they build a new life.

Residences on Acoma



Residences on Acoma in Denver is projected to open in October, 2025 with 60 Permanent Supportive Housing apartments and 68 Workforce apartments for formerly incarcerated individuals at different stages along their recovery and reentry journeys. Acoma will be SCC's first project as owner/developer, so that proceeds from the project can be invested back into more housing and programming.

Enterprise Community Partner's Equitable Path Forward Program is designed to enable BIPOC-ran organizations into the rarified air of housing developers. At the Residences on Acoma project, they serve as guarantor.











Links

<https://youtu.be/olow0K1mCdQ>

<https://robinkniech.net/supportivehousingguide/>

Second Chances Panel

Date/Time: Wednesday, September 11, 2024, 12:00 pm – 2:15 pm

Description: Learn about the challenges faced by both property managers and renters when a tenant has a prior criminal conviction. What if one parent has a prior conviction; does that mean the whole family is ineligible for housing? How long ago was the prior conviction? Misdemeanor or felony? This session will review State and local laws, the State's Good Landlord Program, Reentry Programs and Services, Expungement Programs, and existing and new programs that are looking to provide Second Chances.

Moderator: Tony Milner, Director, Housing Stability Division, Salt Lake City Corporation

Panelists:

- Kelly Colopy, Human Services Director, Salt Lake County
- Noella Sudbury, Founder and CEO, Rasa Legal
- Jayme Walters, Assistant Professor and Director of the Transforming Communities Institute, Social Work Department, Utah State University
- Jess Lucero, Department Head, Social Work Department, Utah State University



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