

CCEH Workshop Summary

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Two (or Three or Four) Is Company: Creating Shared Housing Opportunities

A summary of this workshop by CCEH's Carl Asikainen.

Shared housing is a strategy to make housing more affordable and to identify more housing units and opportunities. There are components of this strategy within this session that focus on landlord outreach and education, conflict mediation and the matching process.

- Matching the resource to the person takes place through Coordinated Entry, but the process of matching roommates beyond this step is an agency level endeavor.
- The housing provider created a list of questions (template) to help figure out roommate selection.
- Meet and greet is important before the roommates are in the unit!
- Biggest predictor of success is if the roommates participated in programs/services together previously. (Veteran example)
- If possible it is important to have the ability to move clients to other units if the relationship does not work. Not back to homelessness!
- This is a positive housing model for people with criminal histories, credit issues, etc...