

CSH 30 Years of Supportive Housing Solutions



About CSH

Advancing Housing Solutions That



Improve lives of
vulnerable people



Maximize
public resources



Build strong,
healthy communities

CSH: WHAT WE DO

CSH is a touchstone for new ideas and best practices, a collaborative and pragmatic community partner, and an influential advocate for supportive housing



TRAINING AND
EDUCATION



LENDING



POLICY REFORM



CONSULTING &
TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE

Youth and Young Adults Experiencing Homelessness

4.2 million youth and young adults experience homelessness over the course of a year. Among the youth surveyed to create these estimates nearly half had been in juvenile detention, jail, or prison.

1 in 10

young adults ages 18-25 experienced a form of homelessness over a 12-month period.

1 in 30

youth ages 13-17 experienced a form of homelessness over a 12-month period.

Youth and Young Adults Experiencing Homelessness: Disproportionality

Hispanic, non-White youth had a 33% higher risk of reporting homelessness.

Unmarried, parenting youth had a 200% higher risk of reporting homelessness.

African American youth were at an 83% increased risk of having experienced homelessness over youth of other races.

Lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) youth had a 120% increased risk of experiencing homelessness compared to youth who identified as heterosexual and cisgender.

What Solutions are Available?

- When asked, homeless youth said that money and stable housing would make their lives easier.¹
- Evidence suggests that providing low-barrier housing with support services tailored to individual youth needs can lead to positive outcomes.²



1 https://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/documents/fysb/data_collection_study_final_report_street_outreach_program.pdf

2 https://www.chapinhall.org/wp-content/uploads/Chapin-Hall_VoYC_Evidence-Review_Shelter-and-Housing.pdf

Key Principles in Designing Supportive Housing for Youth

As you work to design solutions that promote housing stability and support youth and communities in thriving, there are a few key principles to keep in mind.

Accessibility



Cross-sector collaboration



**Youth
Centered
and Led**



**Focused
on equity**



**Choice and
flexibility**



What Does a System to Address Youth Homelessness Look Like?

UPSTREAM
PREVENTION



FRONT PORCH

- Outreach
- In-reach
- Drop-in(s)
- Crisis Hotline(s)
- Front Door Diversion (aka Targeted Prevention)

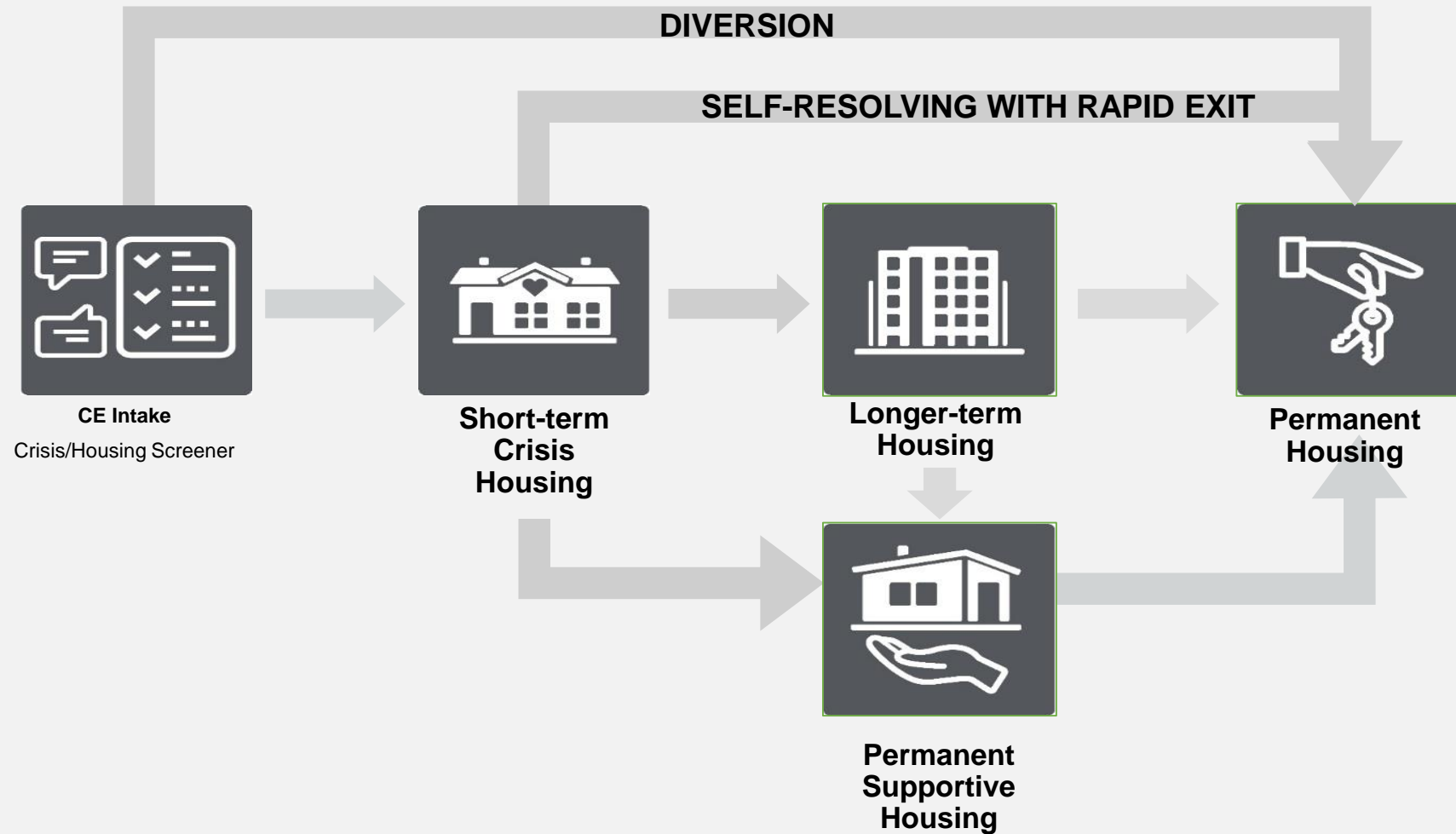
CRISIS & SHORT-TERM HOUSING AND SERVICES

- Crisis Beds/ Emergency Shelter
- Host Homes
- Crisis Transitional Housing

LONG-TERM HOUSING

- Rapid Rehousing
- Permanent Supportive Housing
- Other Affordable Housing/Subsidy
- Home with Family/Reunification
- Longer Term Host Homes
- Longer Term Transitional Housing

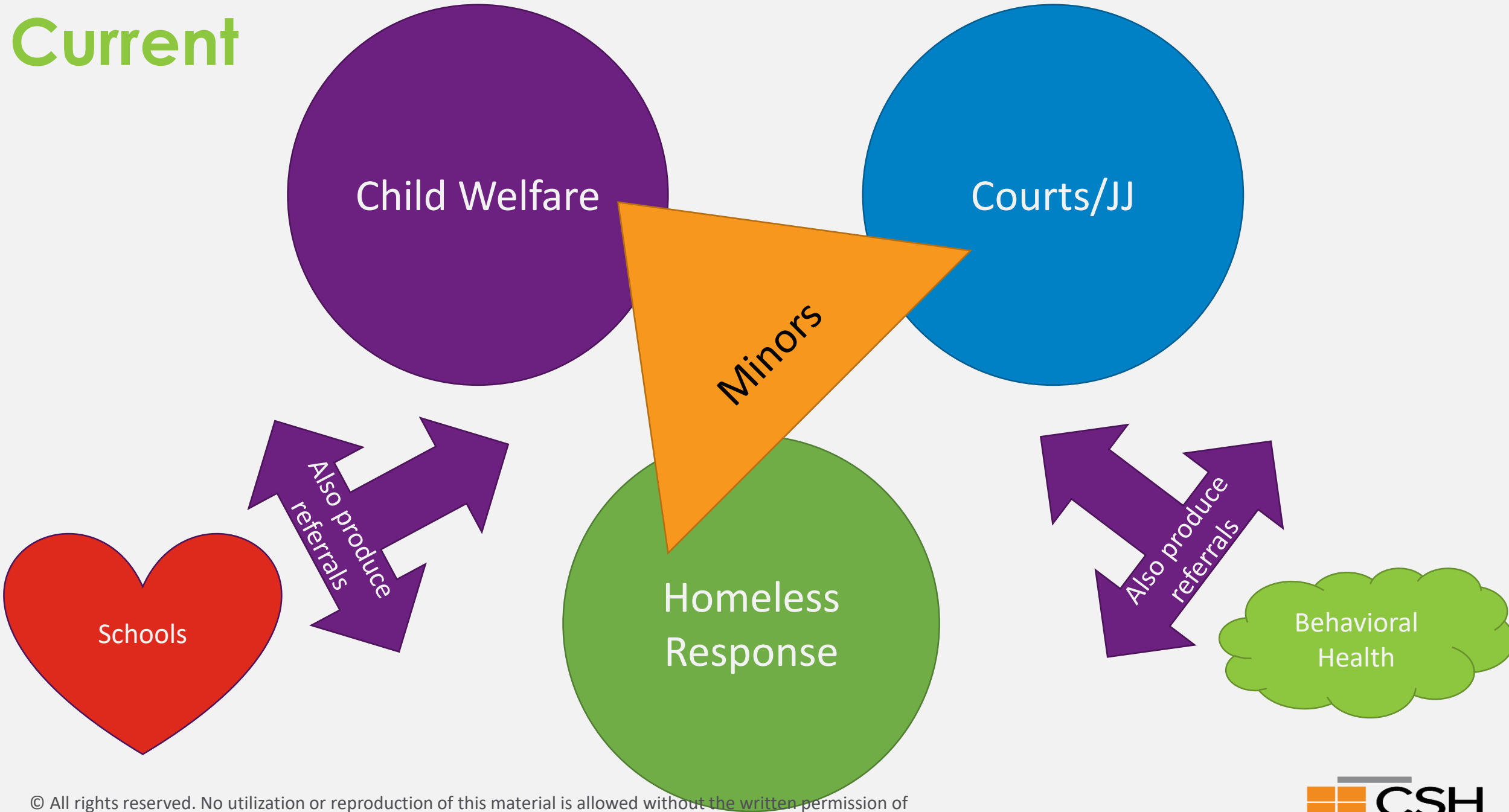
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Understanding the need – 3 step approach:

1. Start with a community planning process that includes strong youth collaboration and is centered around measurable goals
2. Map out the community response you are trying to create and the role each system can play to increase access to housing and services for youth with housing instability
3. Model out the resources that you need on the back end to prevent and end youth homelessness. Braid together funding sources to fill gaps between systems.

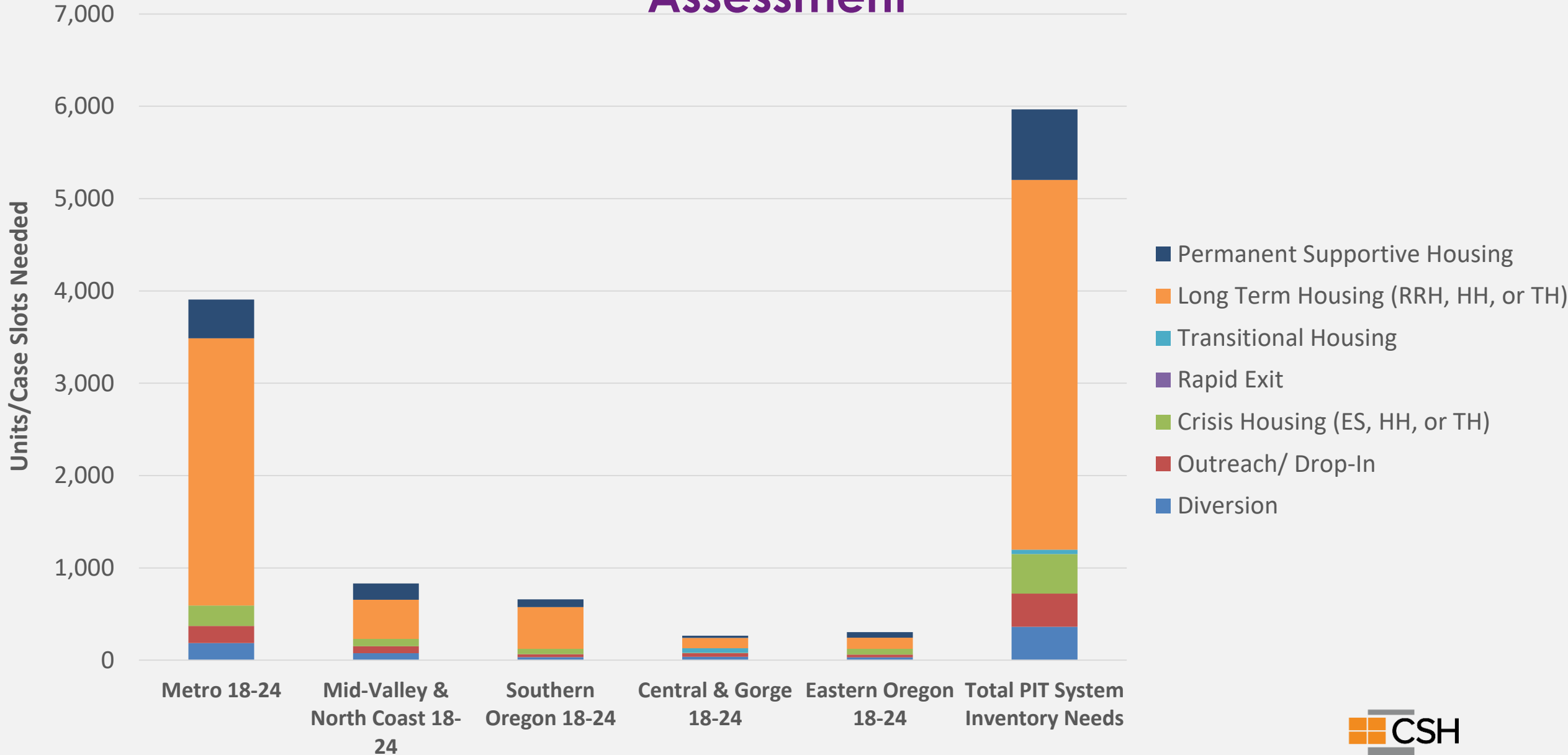
Current



Ideal



Youth Housing Types: Oregon Statewide Homeless Youth Needs Assessment



Notable Projects

- Nicollet Square, Minneapolis, MN
 - Employment rates of up to 90%
 - Educational outcomes- for those with HS diploma 50% enrolled in post-secondary; for those without HS diploma 70% are pursuing GED
- True Colors Residence, New York, NY
 - 90% remained stably housed; 60% within the True Colors housing
 - Active substance use decreased from 60% to 37%
- At Home/Chez Soi, multi-site, Canada
 - Improved housing stability, youth in Housing First were stably housed 65% of total days as compared to 31% for those not in the program

Resources

- Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program
 - <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/yhdp/>
- HUD Guidebooks on Ending Youth Homelessness
 - <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/5138/ending-youth-homelessness-a-guidebook-series/>
- Voices of Youth Count, Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago
 - <https://www.chapinhall.org/project/voices-of-youth-count/>
- Best Practices in Designing Supportive Services for Youth in Housing
 - https://cshorg.wpengine.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/Youth_T.pdf

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