

Module: Homeless to Renter (H2R) Kickoff

Lead:		Date:		Number of participants:	
	Faith in Action: Homeless To Renter Kickoff	Start time:		End time:	
Lesson goal(s):	<p>At the end of this workshop, participants will be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Name homeless families as the fastest growing group experiencing homelessness and identify at least 3 common causes of family homelessness 2. Understand the Homeless to Renter program 3. Commit to supporting the H2R program. 				
Equipment, materials, supplies:	Computer and projector/screen; laptop; PPT presentation; "Faith in Action: Homeless To Renter" video; Homelessness Fact Sheet (national and local data and infographics); Congregation developed H2R flyer				

Background: [Homeless to Renter](#) is a partnership between Temple Beth Am and Jewish Family Services, and provides both move-in costs and case management to families transitioning out of homelessness. [The Faith & Family Homelessness Project](#) is an initiative at Seattle University committed to educating faith communities about the issue of family homelessness, increasing advocacy for fair and equitable public policy at local, regional, state and national levels, offering a space and support for the faith community to engage in efforts to shape public policy, and creating a collaborative of faith-based and secular organizations seeking systemic political, social and cultural change (see faithandfamilyhomelessness.com).

Training Plan: Use this tool to kick off your local H2R program. Invite interested congregation members to a 2 hour workshop where they can learn about the program and find ways to support the ministry. You can use all or part of the outline below, depending on the needs of your community.

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Objective	Activity	Equipment and Material
<p>Participants will be able to name homeless families as the fastest growing group experiencing homelessness and identify at least 3 common causes of family homelessness</p>	<p>1. Icebreaker activity: Facilitators introduce themselves (their names, roles/jobs and background) and one interesting fact about themselves. They invite participants to do the same (10 min).</p> <p>2a. Provide an overview of what will be covered in the workshop. Invite participants to form groups of three with people they don't know and complete a multiple choice "quiz" about homelessness</p> <p>2b. Bring everyone back together to review the quiz as a group. Groups are asked to share their answers and rationale, and facilitators provide corrections/clarification.</p> <p>Pass out Handout 1 - Homelessness Fact Sheet (with national and local data), and elaborate on each point with PPT slides that include infographics, other visual representations of data, and images.</p> <p>Emphasize that families are the fastest growing homeless population and that homelessness is an exceptionally complex social problem. At the end of the presentation, facilitators asks participants for their reaction – e.g. what is surprising or unsurprising? Do they have any comments or questions? (25 min)</p>	<p>PPT presentation</p> <p>Quiz</p> <p>Handout 1 – Homelessness Fact Sheet</p> <p>Handout 2 – Child Homelessness & Toxic Stress : Far Reaching Consequences</p>
<p>Participants will understand the H2R program and their role</p>	<p>3a. Discuss the need for innovative partnerships and collaboration between faith communities and local service providers in solving complex social problems like homelessness. (3 min)</p> <p>3b. Present short 5-minute film, "Faith in Action: Homeless to Renter", which outlines the successful collaboration between Seattle's Temple Beth Am and Jewish Family Services in the form of the Homeless to Renter (H2R) Program, which provides move-in funds (i.e. deposit, first/last months' rent) and case management services for families transitioning out of homelessness (6 min)</p> <p>3c Share Infographic that illustrates timeline/formation/relationships/logistics of H2R. Include specific instructions on ways for congregation members to get involved.</p> <p>Open the floor to questions and comments from participants (15 min)</p>	<p>"Faith in Action: Homeless to Renter" film</p> <p>H2R Infographic</p> <p>Congregation Specific H2R brochure</p>