

Housing Unit Takeovers





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Centre and C.M.H.A. H.K.P.R.

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Connections, supports and resources for both tenant and guest(s)

Our strong collaboration allows us to continue to establish a foundation for housing essentials through our holistic resource delivery including budgeting insight, private market applications, system navigation, advocacy delivery, care planning and assessment facilitation. Primary functions include tenancy preservation, identification recovery, essential survival gear and real time connections.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW & COLLABORATION...

Throughout these initial projects, it has become apparent that there are inherent differences between a Hostile Unit Takeover often characterized by threats, violence and criminal motivation, and a Housing Unit Takeover which often originate from a mutually unmet need or other vulnerability.

Hostile...

- ▶ Tenants feel forced or coerced into accommodating a guest
- ▶ Report being ordered on how to function within their own unit.
- ▶ Guests are not known to Tenant.
- ▶ Intentions are to engage in criminalized activities.
- ▶ Police intervention is required for an initial neutralization of the unit.
- ▶ *Finding Home does provide aftercare supports and resources.

Housing...

- ▶ Relationship between Tenant and Guest often originates out of unmet needs or mutual dependence
- ▶ Unmet needs may include social/emotional, economic, personal, health or many others.
- ▶ Guest is often known to Tenant previously.
- ▶ Guest often unsheltered themselves and willing to engage in coordinated access system supports.
- ▶ Substance use or criminalized activities may be small scale, if at all.

Intervention Applied:

Establish legal tenancy rights
Meet individually with Tenant

Affirm legal tenancy rights to unit

- Lease or occupancy agreement & family law considerations

Connection with Guest

Coordinate housing searches and mediate shelter diversion

Where to access sheltering options or survival gear for sleeping outdoors

Meet individually with Tenant

- Create discussion free from interjection of guest

Relocation of Guest

Offer system navigation around transportation locally or outside of town where applicable

Connect with financial supports and provide warm transfers to relevant resources

Develop safety mitigation within intervention

- Where will tenant stay during meeting with guest

Facilitate Lock Change

Consult Landlord on style of lock and payment

Confirm new key and key contingency plan for tenant

Referrals, Consultations, Educationals and Information

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