☐ Cultural Competency

Understanding & Implementing the Housing First Model

DATE & TIME: **October 26, 2026** **1:00PM – 4:00PM**

Sign-in begins 10 minutes prior to the training time. All participants must arrive during the sign-in period. Late arrivals will not be admitted.

PLACE: **Web Broadcast – Microsoft Teams**

REGISTRATION: https://eventshub.dmh.lacounty.gov/Events/Trainings/Detail/14059

DESCRIPTION: Housing First is a research-based solution to end homelessness that prioritizes the unconditional provision of housing to individuals experiencing homelessness. It is based on the belief that people require food, shelter, and safety before they can begin on the path to personal stability. This training will define Housing First and distinguish it from housing readiness. This training will provide participants with a general understanding of Housing First and how to implement Housing First by utilizing outreach and engagement strategies with their clients. This training will also explore the philosophy and practice of Harm Reduction relative to substance use and other harmful behaviors. Participants will examine the history and effectiveness of Harm Reduction with a focus on destigmatizing substance use to facilitate engagement and improve outcomes.

TARGET AUDIENCE: **DMH & Contracted clinical and case management staff that provides housing related services.**

OBJECTIVES: **As a result of this training, participants should be able to:**

1. Define Housing First and distinguish it from housing readiness.
2. Describe the value of harm reduction as more than a substance use intervention.
3. Identify constructs of the client-centered, non-judgmental approach.
4. Identify the fundamental principles of community-based harm reduction services.
5. Explain the Principles of Trauma Informed Care as a best practice.
6. Identify potential cultural biases and barriers to accessing housing support and services.

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DEADLINE: **When maximum capacity is reached**

CONTINUING EDUCATION: **NONE**

COST: **NONE**