

WHAT IS HOUSING FIRST?

Housing First is a best practice that has ended homelessness for many individuals across North America. It moves people from homelessness into permanent housing, while providing them with the wrap-around support services they need to maintain housing and address their underlying health issues.

Housing First recognizes that if an individual is unable to attain permanent housing stability, they will be impeded in addressing their mental health or substance use issues.

The Fraser Health Authority and BC Housing have adopted Housing First as their primary framework and approach for housing people with barriers.



WHAT IS NEEDED TO IMPLEMENT HOUSING FIRST?

- An available supply of affordable market and supportive rental housing and/or
- Provincial rent supplements
- An adequately resourced team of health and social work professionals who can provide needed supports for individuals

