

HOUSING FIRST IN SALT LAKE COUNTY

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WHAT IS HOUSING FIRST?

Housing First is the model that prioritizes placing **people experiencing homelessness in permanent housing as the first step**. This placement in permanent housing as the **first priority** allows the most basic human need of shelter to be fulfilled, allowing individuals and families to gain assistance such as getting a job or to manage substance abuse or mental health issues. The Housing First model is not just about housing, however. It includes **formal support services**, such as medical, addiction recovery, and mental health assistance. This plan of supports after move-in allows more emphasis as well as independence on the ability to plan for the future without worrying about losing shelter. The Housing First model **reduces overall costs**, including emergency room/medical costs, jail costs, and emergency shelter.¹ Examples in Salt Lake County include **Sunrise Metro, Palmer Court** and **Magnolia**, in addition to **Rapid Re-Housing** projects.

96%

In Salt Lake County, Permanent Supportive Housing, which is modeled on Housing First, has a **96%** retention rate.²

One study found that a Housing First program could save up to **\$23,000** per individual per year than a shelter program.³



In the spirit of innovation, Utah was an **early** pioneer of this proven model in the nation in **2005**.