



CALIFORNIA CHILD WELFARE COUNCIL
Child Welfare Priority Access to Services and Supports (PASS)

Action Team: Housing

Lead State Agency/Department: California Department of Housing and Community Development

Action Team Chair or Co-Chair: Deputy Director Lisa Bates

**Housing Team
ACTION PLAN**

Goal 1: Identify effective, evidence-based housing approaches for families in reunification.

Strategies	Actions	Lead Responsibility	Short, Medium, or Long Term
<u><i>Cross System Education:</i></u> Raise awareness of role of State Housing Entities in family reunification and develop a matrix of types of housing and homeless assistance programs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Articulate the role of State Housing Entities in family reunification 2. Identify and share best practice housing and homeless assistance programs implemented by local government and/or non-profit organizations. 	HCD	short
<u><i>California Housing Convening:</i></u> <u><i>October 6, 2014</i></u> Further develop State level housing response strategies for families involved in the child welfare system including priority access to resources and services.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Facilitate integrated conversation (cross sector and cross level) around how State housing agencies can better understand and promote better access to housing resources for reunification families at the local level; 2. Understand best practices national and locally that can inform strategies for moving forward; 3. Cross educate service providers and housing providers about respective challenges and opportunities to address population; and 4. Develop a set of primary recommendations and opportunity for action and follow-up. 	HCD	short

Goal 2: Maximize resources for effective, evidence-based housing approaches for families in reunification.

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<u>Identification Mechanisms:</u> Data Match National studies	Work with CDSS and other subject matter experts to identify the estimated number of families in reunification needing housing or homeless assistance.	HCD	short
<u>Resource Allocation:</u> Policy directives and Funding Approaches	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Based on scope of the need for housing and homeless assistance for families in reunification and on identification of effective housing programs for this population, maximize resources to support priority access thru housing assistance programs or local housing systems . 2. Consider ways to support Priority Access Accelerator Fund to identify innovative practices and bring them to scale. 	HCD	Med-long
<u>Entry into Appropriate Services:</u> Link families in reunification or their caseworkers to appropriate housing and homeless assistance programs.	Educate system providers about housing and homeless assistance approaches and resources available to them to develop improved priority access.	HCD	med