



**NATIONAL HIV/AIDS
HOUSING COALITION**

Addressing the Barriers to HIV and Housing

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During this session we will...

- **Discuss the importance of Policy and Advocacy**
- **Discuss why Housing is important for PWH**
- **Discuss federal funds that can be used for Housing programs for PWH**

National HIV/AIDS Housing Coalition (NHAHC)

NHAHC is a national organization that **advocates for housing, policies, and resources to advance the health of people living with HIV.**

Policy & Advocacy

- Federal Appropriations for Housing Opportunities for Persons with HIV/AIDS (HOPWA) & other HIV and Housing Programs
- Lived Leadership Internship Program
- NHAHC Advocacy Committee

Programs

- Housing Options Made to End the Epidemic (HOME) Technical Assistance Center
- HIV and Housing Research Summit

Policy and Advocacy Priorities

- Push for **HOPWA** Funding
- **Ryan White** funds
- Utilize **existing networks** and funding streams to accelerate spending
- End the HIV Epidemic by **partnering with Housing programs** to develop and implement effective housing models

Housing & PWH: The NEED

- Approximately **100,000 PWH are unhoused** in the United States (more likely to be black, transgender, and have SUD)
 - In 2022, 13% (184) of all new dx in Los Angeles County were currently unhoused
- The CDC found that 27% of PWH need housing assistance (~300K)
 - Over 120,000 of these receive **NO** housing support (*need is likely much higher*)

Safe and adequate housing is a basic human right and is important for maintaining health and well-being.*

Ensuring that all people with HIV in the U.S. have safe and adequate housing remains a national priority and is key to meeting national HIV care and treatment goals.†



1 in 4

People with HIV had shelter or housing service needs.



2 in 5

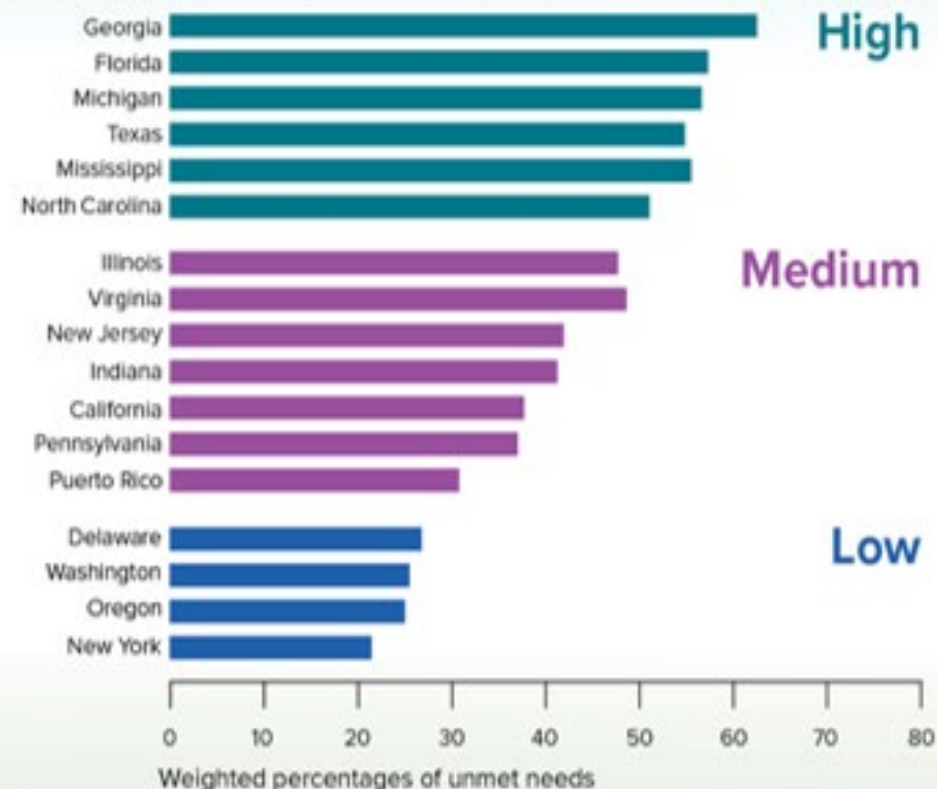
People with HIV who needed shelter or housing assistance did not receive it.

Data showed that the distribution of **federal housing assistance funds** for people with HIV may not be aligned according to local needs.



Addressing housing service needs among people with HIV requires a multilevel approach, including **strengthening partnerships** between HIV care facilities and local housing service providers and ensuring that **federal housing assistance funds are aligned with local housing assistance needs.**

Unmet needs for shelter or housing assistance varied by jurisdiction and were especially high in **many reporting jurisdictions in the South.**



Note: Unmet need was defined as needing, but not receiving shelter or housing assistance, and was calculated among those who reported any need for shelter or housing assistance.

*United Nations. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights. <https://www.un.org/sites/undoc2.un.org/files/2021/03/udhr.pdf>

†The White House. The National HIV/AIDS Strategy, 2022-2025. <https://www.hiv.gov/federal-response/national-hiv-aids-strategy/national-hiv-aids-strategy-2022-2025>

<https://www.cdc.gov/hiv/statistics/systems/mmp>

HOPWA Deficiency

Only enough HOPWA funds to serve those in need for 1.24 month/ per person per year.

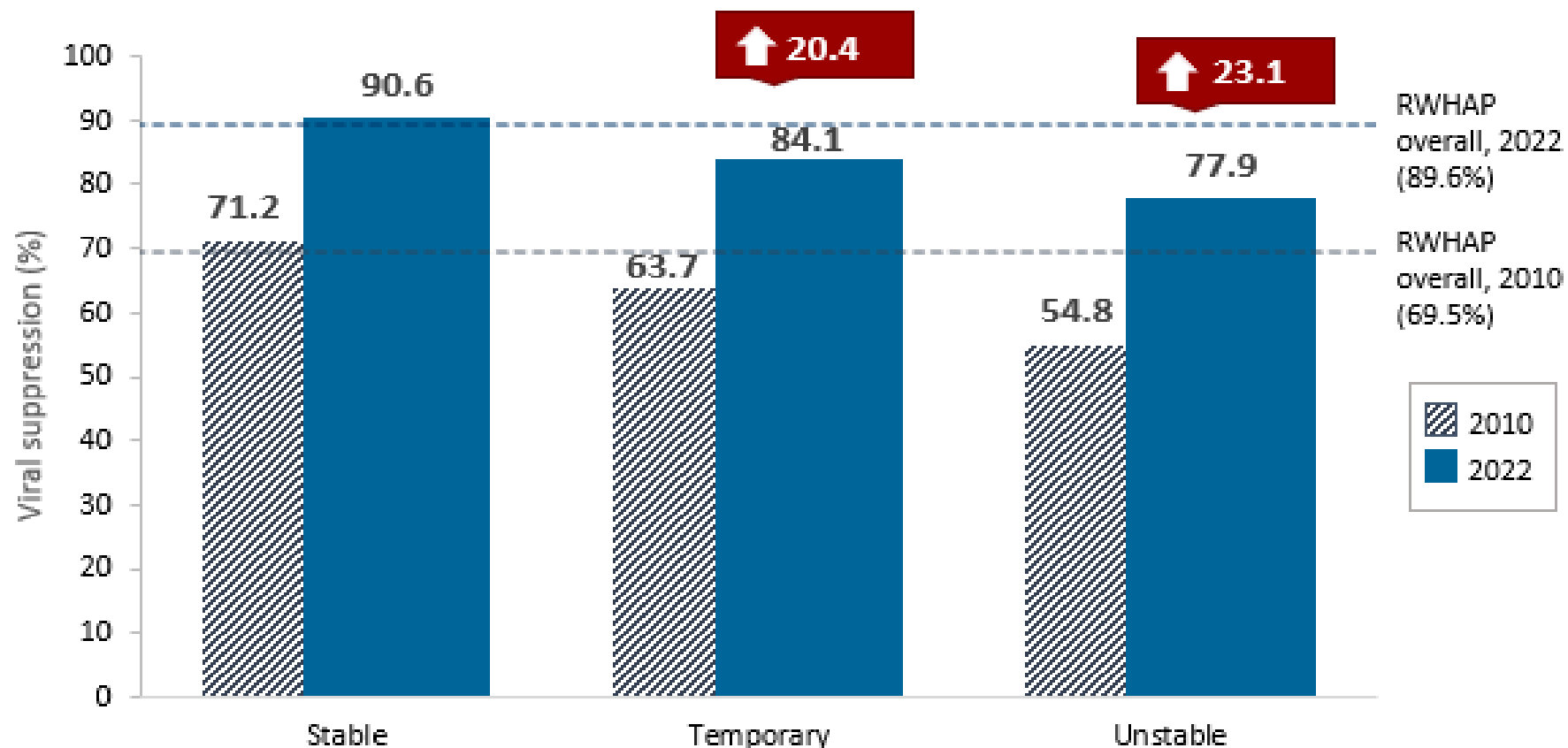
The Importance of Housing



In 2021, **17%** of people living with HIV **reported experiencing homelessness or unstable housing.**

People Living with HIV Experiencing Unstable Housing/Homelessness, 2021

Viral Suppression among Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Clients by Housing Status, 2010 and 2022



Despite improvements, **housing stability** continues to be a **significant factor** in reaching viral suppression.



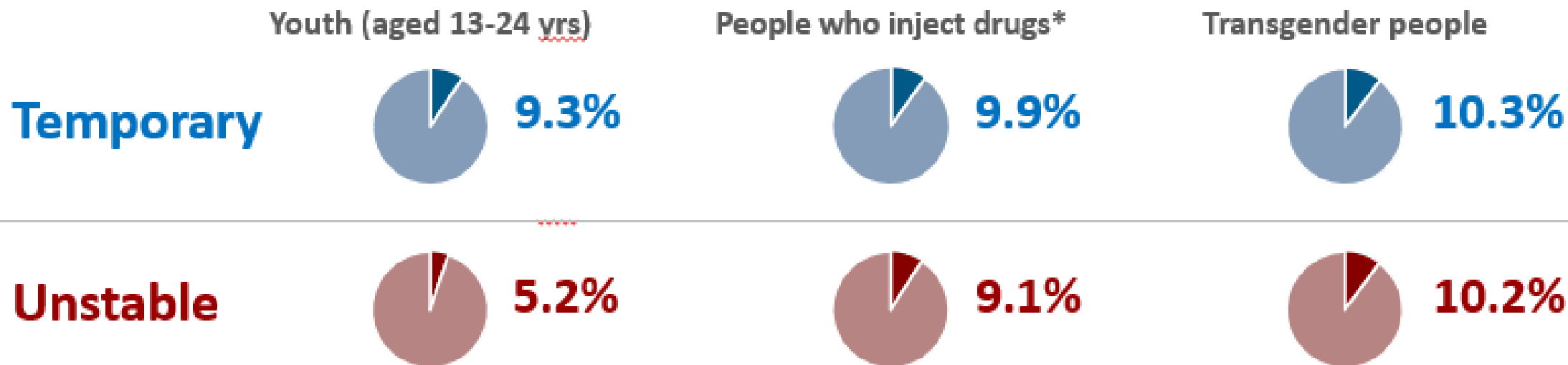
The Disproportionate Impact of Housing Instability

CY 2022

All RWHAP Clients receiving Housing Service (N=26,251)

Youth (aged 13-24 yrs)	People who inject drugs*	Transgender people
590 (2.2%)	1,601 (6.1%)	915 (3.5%)

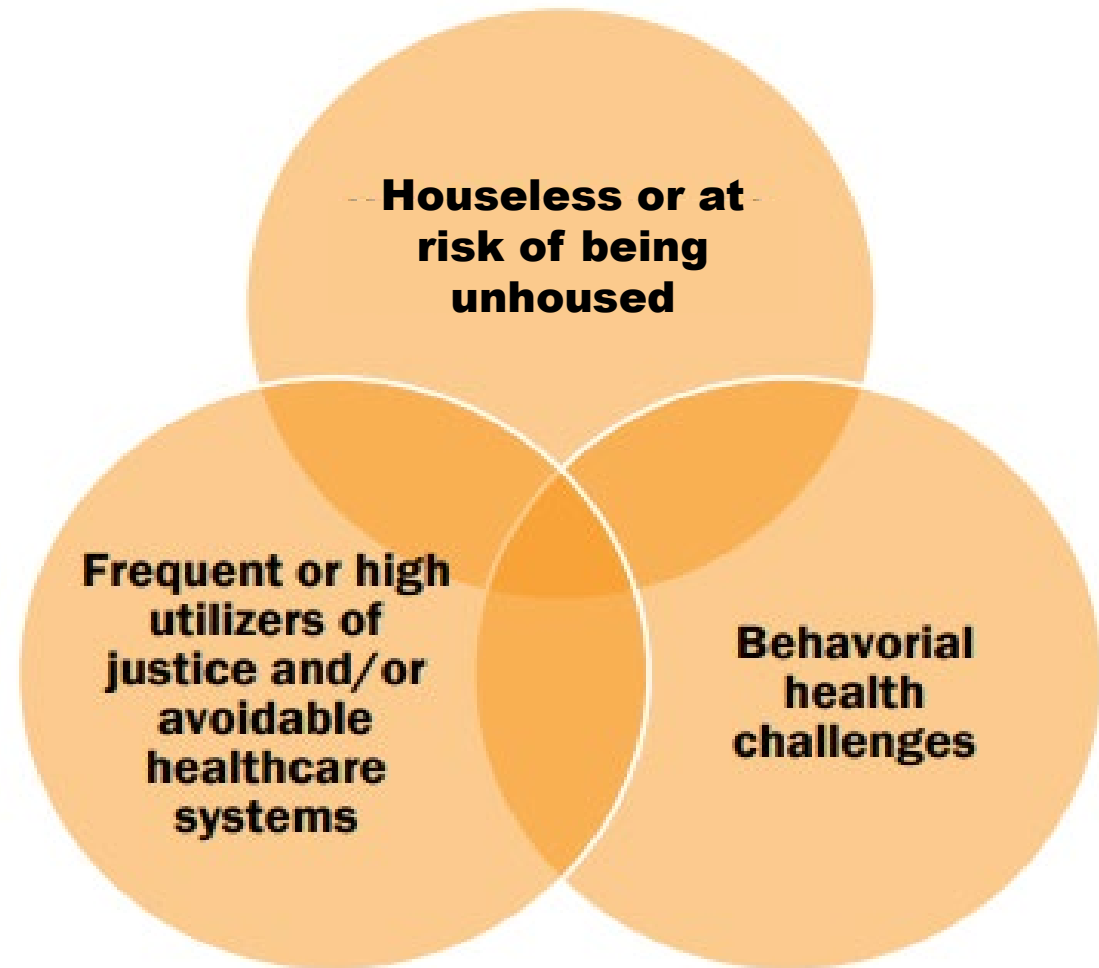
Several priority populations experience disproportionately high rates of temporary or unstable housing



* RWHAP Clients who reported injection drug use as their HIV transmission category.
 Source: HRSA. Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Data Report (RSR) 2022. Does not include AIDS Drug Assistance Program.



Intersectionality of HIV and Houselessness



[Source: CSH-Health-Center-Role-in-Housing-Innovations-Sept-2021-WEB.pdf](#)

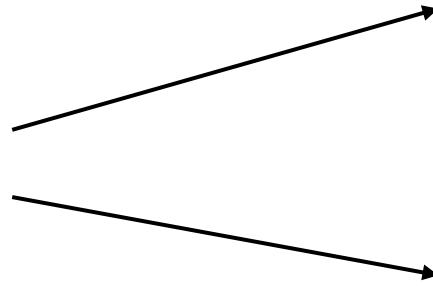
How Housing Affects Health Outcomes

- Access and adherence to antiretroviral therapy (ART)
- Viral Suppression
- PrEP Access

What is Housing First?

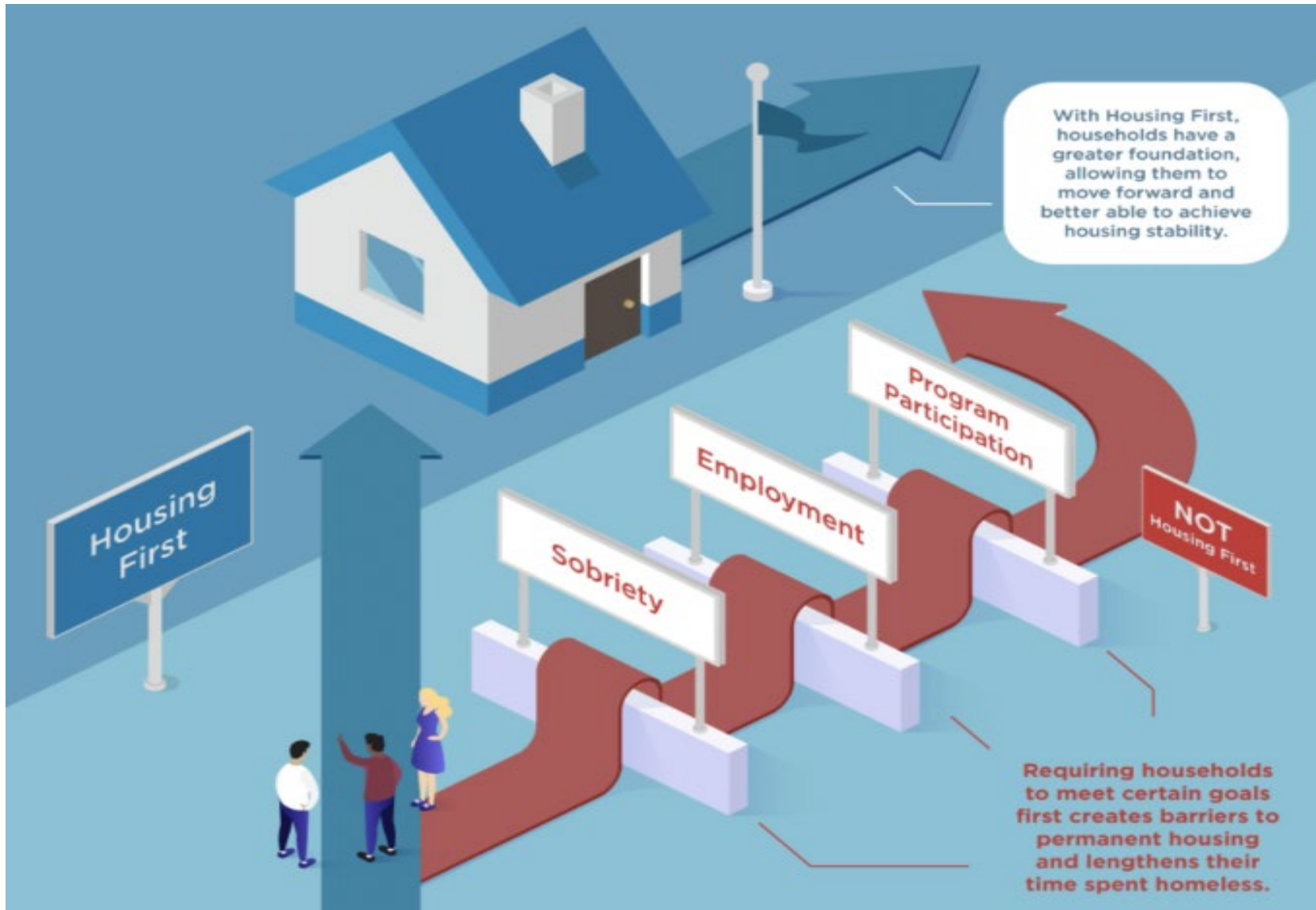


**Housing Programs
that Compliment
Syndemics
(whole-person)
Theory**



Housing First Programs

Low Barrier Housing



How Effective are Housing First Programs?

- **22% increased rate of viral load suppression**
- **37% lower mortality rate**
- **41% less use of Emergency Departments**
- **36% less inpatient hospitalizations**
- **37% less homelessness**

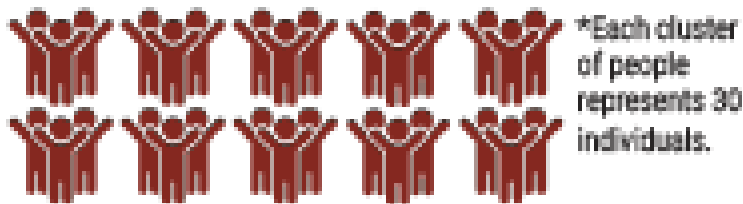


Of the 169 households in Caracole permanent supportive housing in 2021:

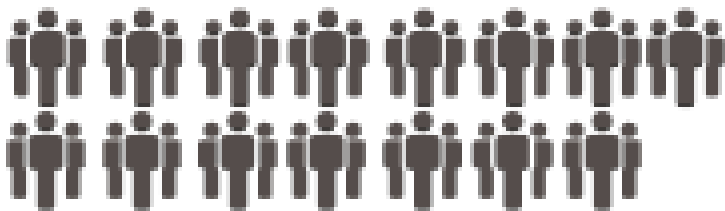
- 83% achieved or maintained **viral load suppression**
- 72% in scattered-site housing **avoided a disruptive move** due to eviction or housing quality problems with the help of their Housing Specialists
- 94% **maintained their housing or graduated** to a more independent permanent option



FUTURE HOUSING NEEDS

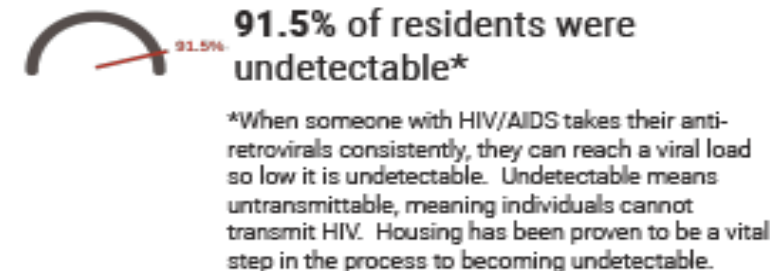
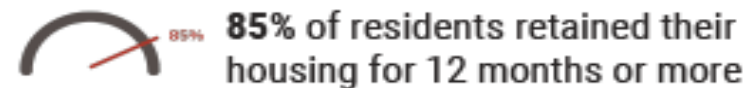
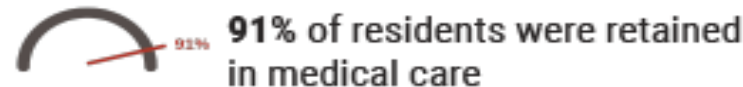
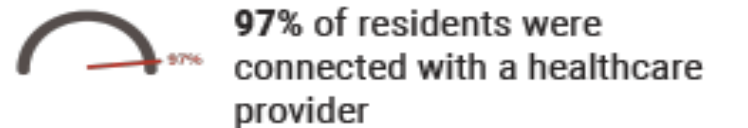


302 Individuals Served in 2021



390 Individuals Waiting for Housing

RESIDENT OUTCOMES



NOLA Street Apartments

This low-income housing program requires demonstrated abstinence for 90 days or enrollment in substance use treatment **prior to** signing a lease



This is not Housing First

Queens Castle Apartments

This low-income housing program provides case management and allows residents to participate in trainings on financial management and life skills. It also refers residents to behavioral health care, including a syringe services program.



This is Housing First

Housing is Prevention
Housing is Treatment
Housing is Healthcare

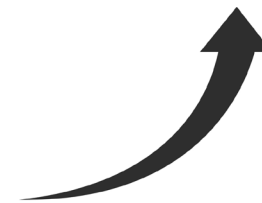
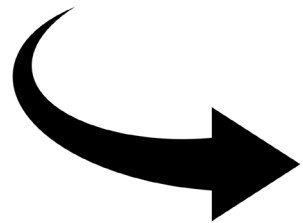
HIV Funding for Housing Services



Housing Funding Programs



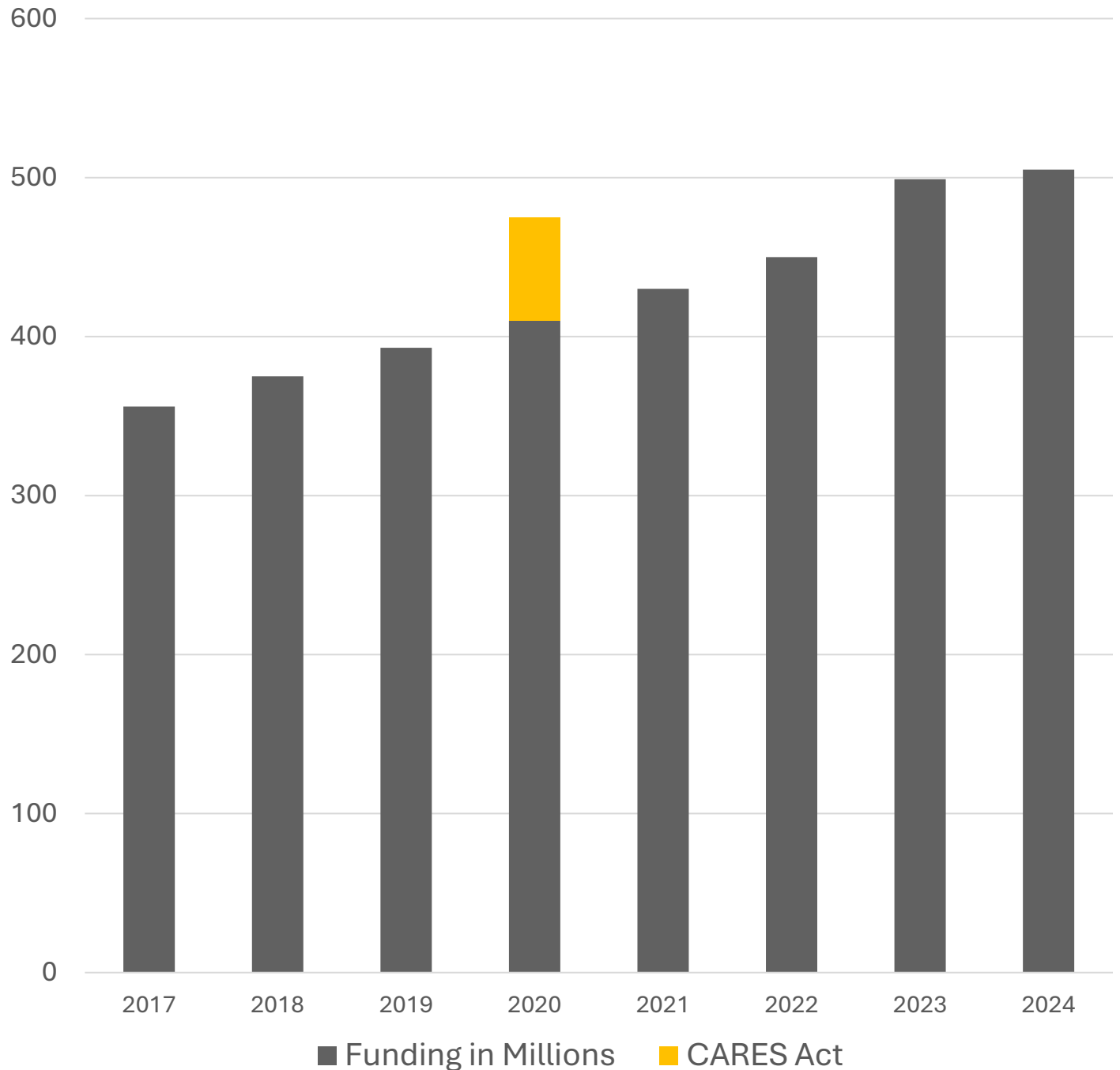
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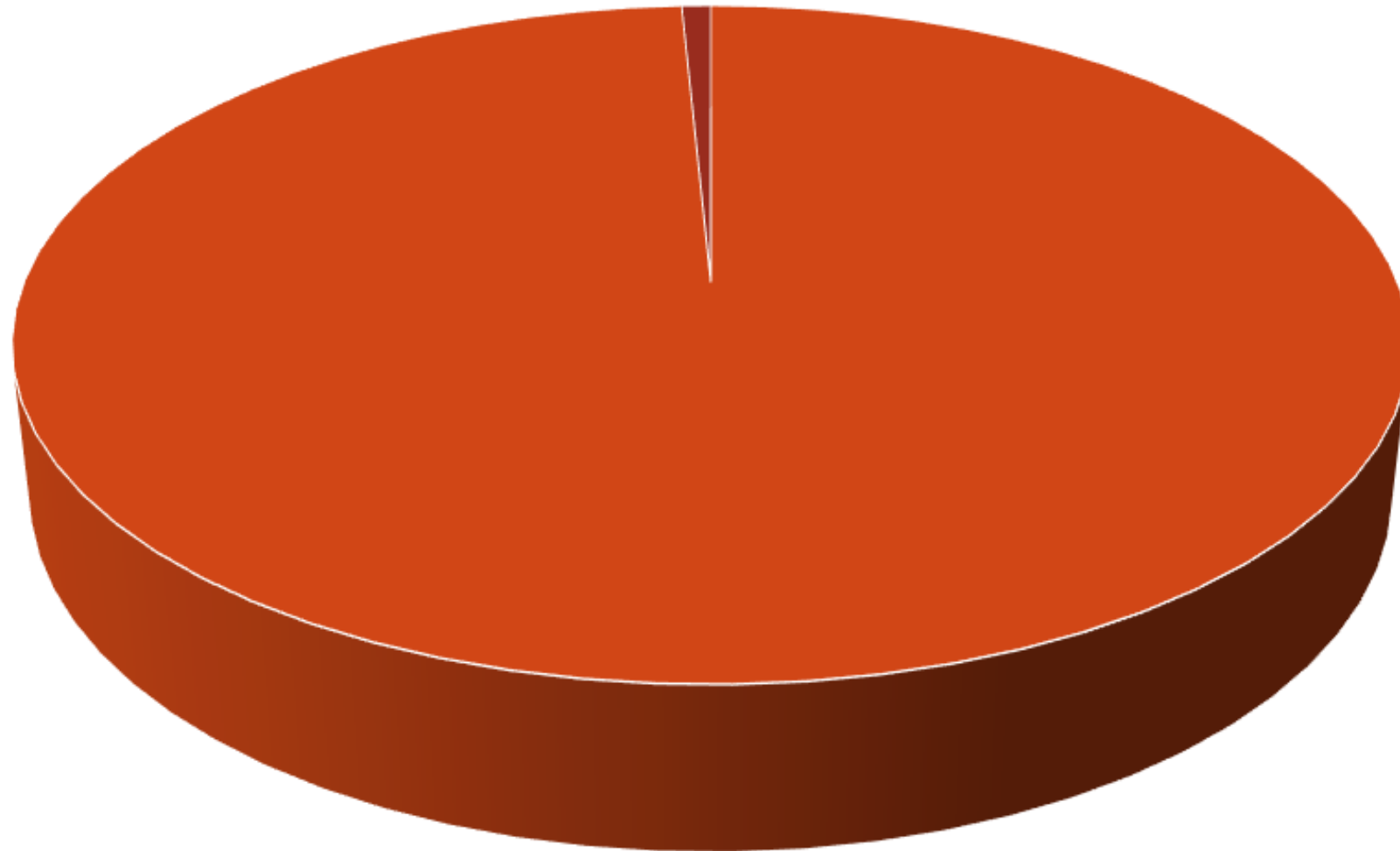
HOPWA Funding

FY25 Ask: \$600M

Senate: \$524M
House: \$505M
(Flat)



FY23 HUD Funding + HOPWA



■ HUD ■ HOPWA

Ryan White

Core Medical
Services

Medical Case
Management

Short Term
Housing

Payor of Last
Resort

HOPWA

Non-Medical
Transportation

Employment
Services

Mortgage Payments

Long-Term Housing

Property
Procurement

Both

Non-Medical Case
Management

Medical
Transportation

Short-Term
Housing

Rental Deposits

Emergency Housing

Transitional
Housing

Deposit Return Agreement

The **{insert program name}** intends to provide a portion of or the full amount of the security deposit for the assigned rental unit located at **{insert address}**.

As a part of our Federal program requirement, any money paid to the Landlord/Property Manager for a security deposit shall be returned to **{insert program name}** upon termination of the lease.

Security Deposit for: _____ **{insert client(s) name}** _____

Security Deposit amount: _____

I, **{insert Landlord/Property Manager name}**, agree to provide **{insert program name}** any money remaining from the security deposit, for the tenant(s) **{insert client(s) name}**.

Landlord/Property Manager Signature: _____

Date: _____

Designated Program Staff: _____

Date: _____

Rental Deposit Agreement

What is NOT required by HOPWA?

- Conducting a criminal background check on clients
- There is no federal requirement to have, maintain, or obtain income
- Physical signatures
- Answering questions such as demographics that aren't tied to determining HOPWA eligibility

EHE Housing Support

- Innovative models to support the reduction of new HIV infections
- Rental subsidies
- Peer Navigators / Housing Specialists

 **Ending
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Medicaid Waiver Section 1115



Section 1115 Waivers: Social Determinants of Health (SDOH)

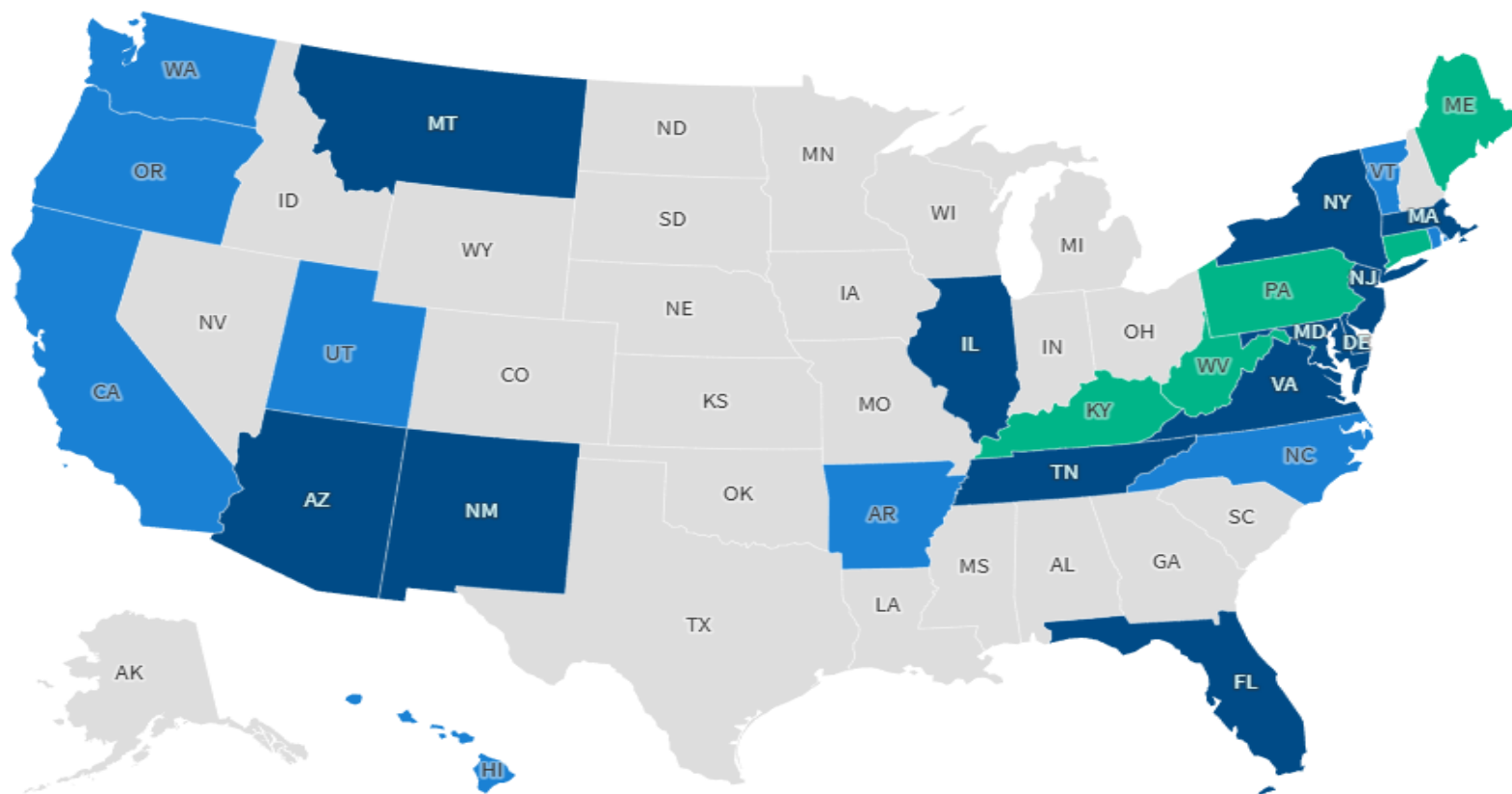
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Click on the buttons to see:

[HRSN Waivers](#)

[All SDOH Waivers](#)

■ Approved (12 states) ■ Approved and Pending (9 states) ■ Pending (6 states including DC)



What's Next...



What Can You Do?

- Local Level
 - Housing Voucher Discrimination, HIV Discrimination, Racism, Homophobia, etc.
 - City or State Barriers to HOPWA and Housing
 - Prioritizing PrEP for Unhoused and Unstably Housed
- Federal Level
 - Increased Funding for HOPWA
 - Specific Carve-Outs for PWH for other HUD Programs
 - Advocacy for More Affordable Housing
 - Universal Housing for PWH

HOME TA Center Goals

1. Explore ways to access and maximize available Housing Funds
2. Create a roadmap for organizations and state/local municipalities to create housing and expand current housing options
3. Explore viable funding opportunities for state and local municipalities to develop and sustain newly developed Housing Inventory

What makes our TA Center Unique?

**Individualized,
non-governmental
Technical Assistance**

**Advising on braiding together
various streams of
local/state/federal
funding**

**Focus on Sustainable
and Equitable Housing
for PWH and those most
vulnerable**

**Centering Housing as
Prevention, Treatment,
and Care**

**Connected to Network of
Housing Partners
and other Advocates**

Closing Thought:

What is one takeaway from this session that will inform your role?

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