

Applied Harm Reduction & Housing First Thursday, September 29th, 2022

Start: 12:00 PM ET **End:** 2:30 PM ET

Instructors: Andrew Spiers, LSW & Ryan Villagran, LSW

After 30 years of research, Housing First has finally entered mainstream discourse as an effective approach to ending homelessness, especially for those experiencing the greatest barriers to care. Evidence shows that meeting people where they are and providing services that match their specific challenges and level of need through harm reduction is a key indicator for success. But what does this actually look like in practice? While Housing First sounds simple enough in theory, seasoned clinicians and housing providers are often left with more questions than answers when it comes to implementation. Join us for a discussion about the application of Housing First and harm reduction theory to everyday practice. We'll share clinical strategies for engaging your participants around behaviors that challenge continued tenancy, discuss how to respond to landlord and community concerns, and practice creative problem solving by applying Housing First and harm reduction principles to participant case studies.

Learning objectives:

When attendees return to the workplace, they will be able to:

- Define the role of harm reduction in Housing First practice
- List three harm reduction tools to engage with participants around risk behaviors
- Demonstrate application of harm reduction tools through group case study discussion

Target Audience: Social service providers and helping professionals with direct client contact, policy-makers, government workers, agency administrators, CoC leads, or anyone invested in ending homelessness in their community.

Social Work Practice Level: This course is appropriate for intermediate BSW/ MSW learners.

Course Delivery Format: Live webinar

Interactivity: This course will offer real-time polling, case study breakout room discussions, and 15 minutes of Q&A time.

Credit hours offered: 2.25 credits*

Fees: \$20 general registration; additional \$5 for registration with social work CE credit

Registration includes access to the live event and recording, PDF of slides, and relevant training tip sheets/resources.

To register, please submit payment to: <https://bit.ly/3cRnxTt>

Upon receipt of payment, attendees will receive a receipt via email with the link to finalize their course registration with Zoom. Information for accessing the live webinar will then be sent directly from Zoom.

Registration deadline: Individuals may register up until the start time of the event.

**Housing First University, a program of Pathways to Housing PA, can provide continuing education credits to licensed social workers in 48 of the 50 U.S. states and 10 Canadian provinces. Due to current regulations, CE credits cannot be offered to social workers in the states of New Jersey or New York. If you are not a Licensed Social Worker, please check with your board of accreditation to ensure this training meets your licensing needs.*

Course completion requirements: Attendees must attend the entirety of the virtual session with system video/audio enabled to participate, and respond to all poll questions and activities. Certificates will be distributed to participants via email within two weeks of the course date. Attendees must complete a course evaluation via Google Forms within 48 hours of the course's conclusion in order to receive a certificate and any continuing education credit. Course evaluation links will be distributed during the session via chat and immediately following the training via email. Individuals must attend the live webinar in order to receive a certificate of completion and any continuing education credit.

System requirements: Webinar participants must have access to a computer, tablet, or smart phone with high speed Internet, microphone, speakers, webcam, and a (free) Zoom video conferencing account.

Session Facilitators:



Andrew Spiers, LSW, is the Director of Training and Technical Assistance for Pathways to Housing PA's Housing First University. Andrew joined Pathways in early 2018 and served as an Assistant Team Leader and Team Leader before launching Housing First University in October 2019. Andrew holds a Master of Social Service from Bryn Mawr College's Graduate School of Social Work and Social Research, where he concentrated in Community Practice, Policy, & Advocacy. He has taught Human Services and Sociology courses as an adjunct professor at Harcum College and conducted training and workshops all over the country on Housing First, harm reduction, and affirming care for LGBTQ+ communities.



Ryan Villagran, LSW joined Housing First University in June 2021 as a Training Specialist. Ryan holds a Master of Social Work from Temple University with a concentration in Communities & Policy. His clinical background includes delivering psychiatric rehabilitation services in the mental health recovery model at a Community Integrated Recovery Center. Ryan also developed and coordinated a training program in a university setting for social workers serving transitional-aged youth and later taught a Human Behavior in the Social Environment course for graduate social work students. Ryan is involved in organizing efforts around ending mass incarceration and believes in the power of our collective imagination to dream of a better future centered around the most vulnerable members of our community.

Schedule	
11:45-12:00 PM	Virtual training room opens
12:00-12:10 PM	Welcome & introductions
12:10-12:30 PM	Key principles of harm reduction & Housing First
12:30-1:10 PM	Clinical strategies
1:10-1:15 PM	Break
1:15-2:05 PM	Case studies
2:05-2:30 PM	Final thoughts, Q&A

For questions or concerns, contact:
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ACE approval statement: Housing First University: a program of Pathways to Housing PA, provider #1759, is approved as an ACE provider to offer social work continuing education by the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) Approved Continuing Education (ACE) program. Regulatory boards are the final authority on courses accepted for continuing education credit. ACE provider approval period: 01/12/2022 – 01/12/2025. Social workers completing this course receive 2.25 clinical continuing education credits.

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