

Home Visits: Why & How to Do Them

Thursday, August 24th, 2023

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

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The home visit is the cornerstone of the Housing First program, and one of only two conditions participants must consent to in order to access housing. As simple as it may sound, conducting a thorough and effective home visit is actually a targeted and nuanced intervention that can provide immeasurable insight into our participants' health and wellness. In this session, attendees will learn how to conduct a home visit that satisfies the needs of a high fidelity Housing First program. Presenters will cover the before, during, and after of each visit, and provide a checklist of topics to discuss or monitor for attendees' future reference. Presenters will also review common issues identified during home visits, best practices for inter- and intradepartmental communication, and strategies for engaging participants who regularly decline or miss visits.

Learning Objectives:

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

- Define the purpose and goals of the home visit as a targeted intervention
- Name three tasks staff must complete to prepare for an effective home visit
- Identify key information to be included in home visit documentation

Target Audience: Social service providers and helping professionals conducting home visits, as well as others with direct client contact, and their supervisors.

Course Delivery Format: Live webinar

Interactivity: This course will utilize polling and group discussion prompts, and will offer 15 minutes of Q&A.

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

Social Work Credit Hours Offered: 2.25 general CE 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/housingfirstuniversity824>

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 and 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's conclusion. Attendees must complete a course evaluation within 48 hours via Google Forms to receive a certificate. Course evaluation links will be distributed during the session and via email immediately following the training. Individuals must attend the live webinar in order to receive a certificate of completion.

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

Session Facilitators:



Caitlin Mobley, MSW, LCSW (she/her), joined Pathways to Housing PA as an Assistant Team Leader in 2019, transitioned to Team Leader in 2020, and in 2021 became the agency's Outreach Manager. In this role, Caitlin coordinates with Philadelphia's Department of Behavioral Health and Intellectual disAbility Services and various city agencies to connect individuals experiencing homelessness with Pathways to Housing PA. Prior to this, Caitlin worked in Permanent Supportive Housing and at a domestic violence shelter in New York City. Caitlin has witnessed the success of Housing First practice in action and is a firm believer that the model strongly contributes to the greater mission of ending homelessness. She received her Master of Social Work from Fordham University and is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker in New York.



Andrew Spiers, LSW (he/him) is the Director of Training and Technical Assistance at Pathways to Housing PA. Andrew first joined Pathways in early 2018 and served in a clinical leadership position before launching Housing First University in October 2019 to help empower others with best practices to end homelessness in their communities. 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 Arcum College and conducted trainings and workshops all over the country on Housing First, harm reduction, and affirming care for LGBTQ+ and transgender communities.

Schedule	
11:45-12:00 PM	Virtual training room opens
12:00-12:10 PM	Welcome & introductions
12:10-12:30 PM	Purpose & philosophy of the home visit
12:30-1:10 PM	Before, during, & after
1:10-1:20 PM	Break
1:20-2:00 PM	Home visit dilemmas
2:00-2:15 PM	Case scenarios
2:15-2:30 PM	Review, Q&A

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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 general continuing education credits.

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Security policy: <https://bit.ly/3x4qiro>

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