

# Congregate option self-sustaining

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In recent years Housing First has become the dominant philosophy in the work to help the homeless. Five core principals include immediate access to permanent housing with no readiness requirements; consumer choice and self-determination; recovery orientation; individualized and client-driven supports; and social and community integration.

Scattered housing works for some but often lacks a sense of community, which we now know is critical to long-term success. Congregate housing, a model where people live in close proximity, is being successfully used in many places. It achieves Housing First objectives while giving people the option of access to a built-in community, onsite professional support, and intrinsic peer support.

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