

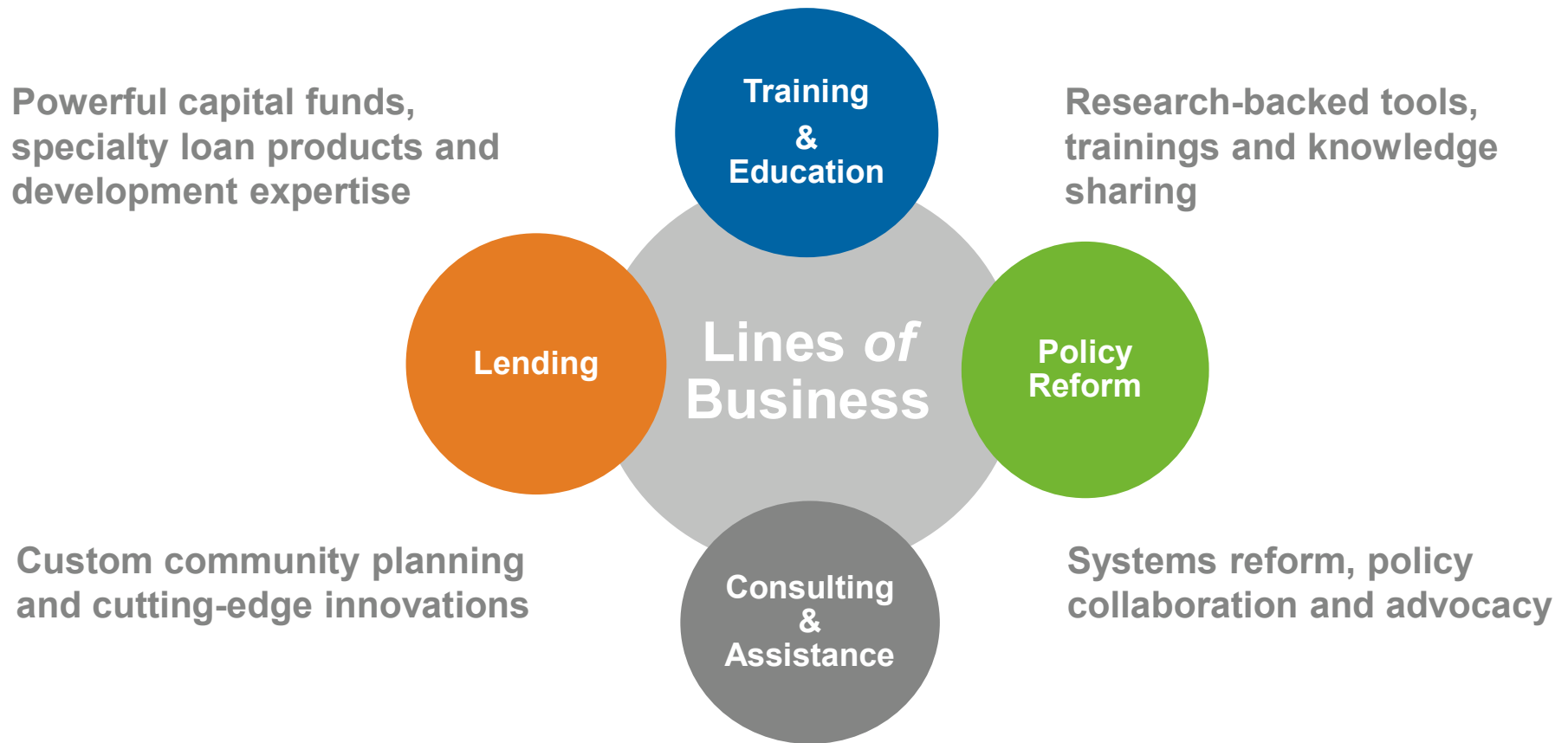
FUSE:

A Best Practice in Justice Reform

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What We Know about Housing Instability and Justice System Involvement



Frequent Users Systems Engagement: FUSE



Thousands of people with chronic health conditions cycle in and out of jails, diversion courts, hospital emergency rooms and homelessness - at great public expense and with limited positive human outcomes.



Targeted supportive housing for this most vulnerable and costly of this group can reduce costs while getting better outcomes



By finding a solution to the frequent user issue, the FUSE program serves as a catalyst for **system change**



Why
supportive
housing to
stop the
cycle?

It's evidence-based

- Reduces system use through **stabilization in housing and breaks the cycle** of homelessness and incarceration
- Is a **key strategy for ending chronic homelessness** in the US – major investment from HUD and the VA

It's ideal for the most vulnerable

- Many high utilizers of jails are homeless with **multiple mental, behavioral and physical health challenges**
- Provides **wraparound support services** that help keep a person stable and housed
- Is **individualized** to meet the needs of the consumer

It's a **diversion strategy** jurisdictions should consider adding to their toolkits!

FUSE Action Planning Steps



Scaling & Replication Phase:

- Step 9: Determine Scaling Needs
- Step 10: Identify Financing for Scaled FUSE



Pilot Implementation Phase

- Step 6: Create Referral Process
- Step 7: Inreach/Outreach, Lease up
- Step 8: Implementation Monitoring and Support



Planning Phase

- Step 1: Identify a Champion and Project Manager
- Step 2: Assemble a Cross Systems Planning Team
- Step 3: Execute a Cross Systems Data Match
- Step 4: Create SH Pipeline
- Step 5: Secure Evaluation Resources

What Now? How to get started

1

Establish
FUSE
Leadership:

**FUSE
Champion
and Project
Manager**

2

Engage
stakeholders
across
systems:

**Establish a
cross
systems
planning
group**

3

Use data to
determine the
need:

**Cross-
systems Data
Match**

4

Scan for
supportive
housing:

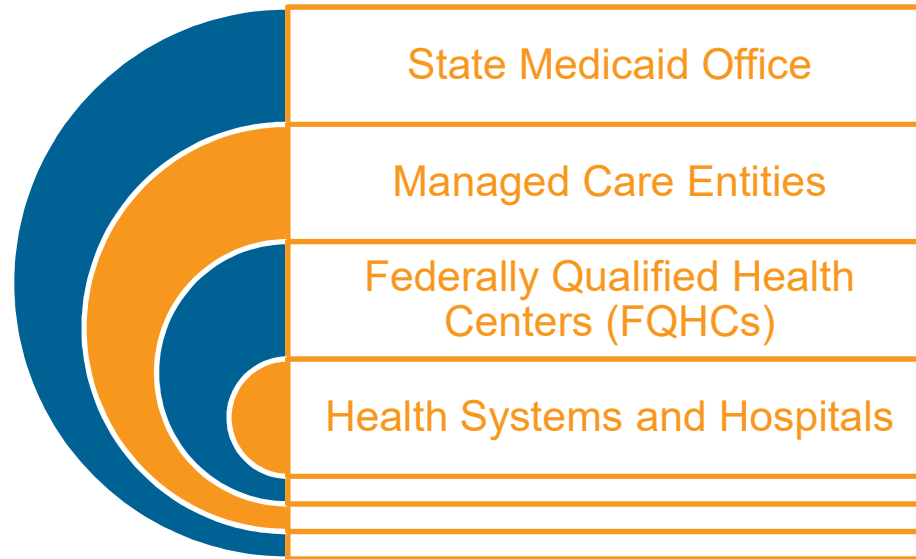
**Resource
Identification**



www.csh.org/FUSE to
learn more about it

The Health Care Players & Community Benefit Programs

Who do we approach for what assistance?



- Community benefits are programs and services designed to improve health in communities and increase access to health care.
- Every 3 years Hospitals are required to perform a community health needs assessment and make investments based on those findings
- IRS requirement for Non-Profit Hospitals

<https://www.chausa.org/communitybenefit/community-benefit>

<https://nchh.org/tools-and-data/financing-and-funding/healthcare-financing/hospital-community-benefits/>

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Sample Implementation: PalmFUSE - Palm Beach County, FL

Pilot Program Elements

Permanent, affordable,
independent
tenant-centered housing to
25 individuals utilizing the
Housing First model

Assertive outreach,
recruitment and
engagement

Comprehensive and
coordinated primary and
behavioral health care
including therapy and
treatment

Intensive case
management and housing
stability services

PalmFUSE - COLLABORATION

Criminal Justice	Public Defender, State Attorney, Palm Beach County Sheriff, City of West Palm Beach Police Department
Homelessness	The Lord's Place, Gulfstream Goodwill, Palm Beach County Community Services, City of West Palm Beach, Homeless Coalition of Palm Beach County, Community Partners
Behavioral Health	Southeast Florida Behavioral Health Network
Physical Health	St. Mary's Hospital, JFK Hospital North
Evaluation	Florida Atlantic University
Funding	MacArthur Foundation, Palm Beach County Criminal Justice Commission, The Lord's Place, City of West Palm Beach
Technical Assistance	CSH; Policy Research Inc.

FUSE Evaluations Show Success



NYC FUSE

- 40% reduction jail days
- 91% fewer shelter days
- 50% reduction in psych. inpt.
- 86% housed after 2 years

San Diego Project 25

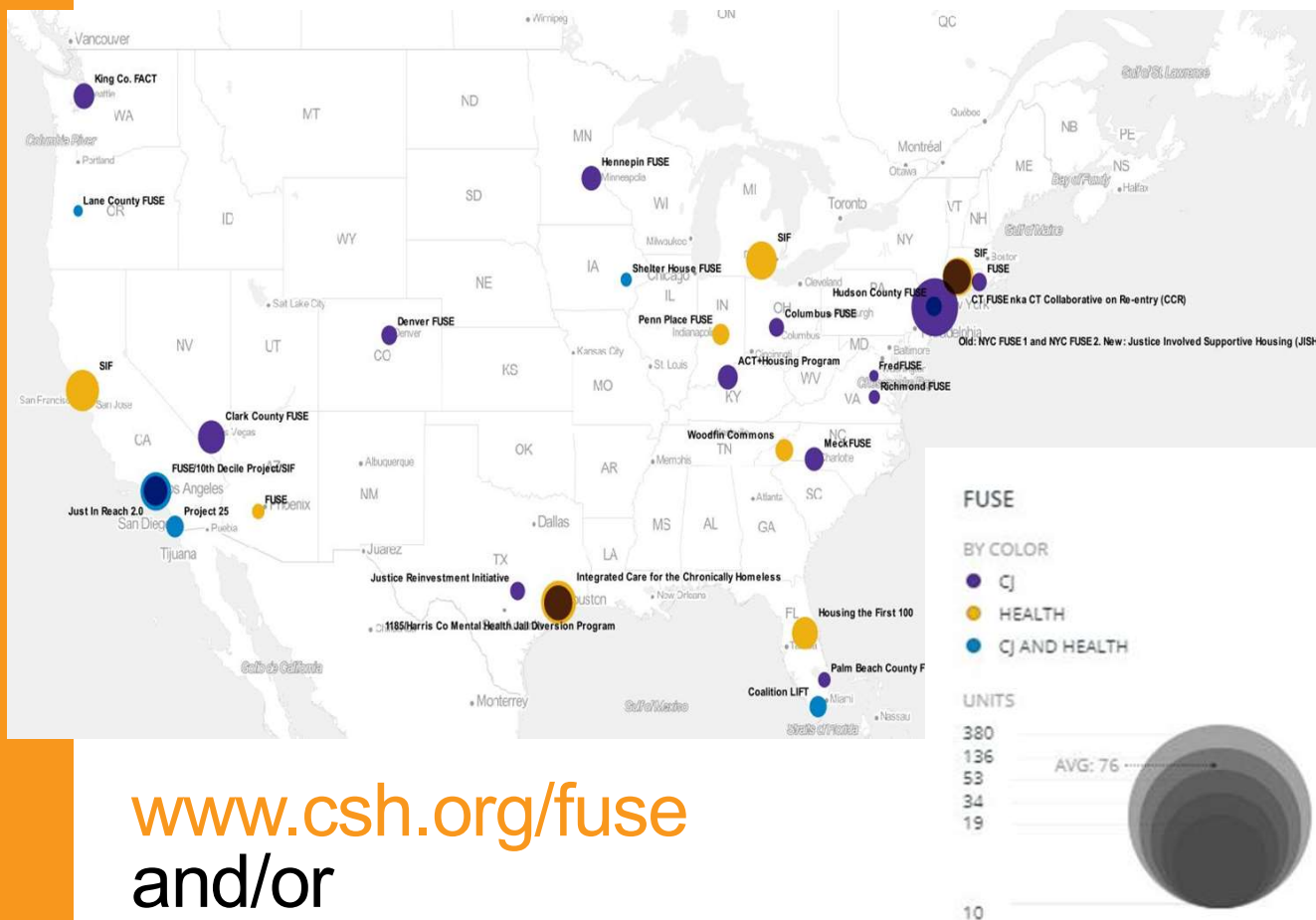
- 67% reduction in total public costs after 2 years
- 60-80% reduction in ambulance, ER, hospitalizations, arrests, jail days
- Net savings of over 200% after paying for housing + services

MeckFUSE (Charlotte)

- 50% fewer arrests
- 87% fewer shelter days
- 24% less ambulance service charges
- 43% less hospital charges

FUSE is a national movement

Resources



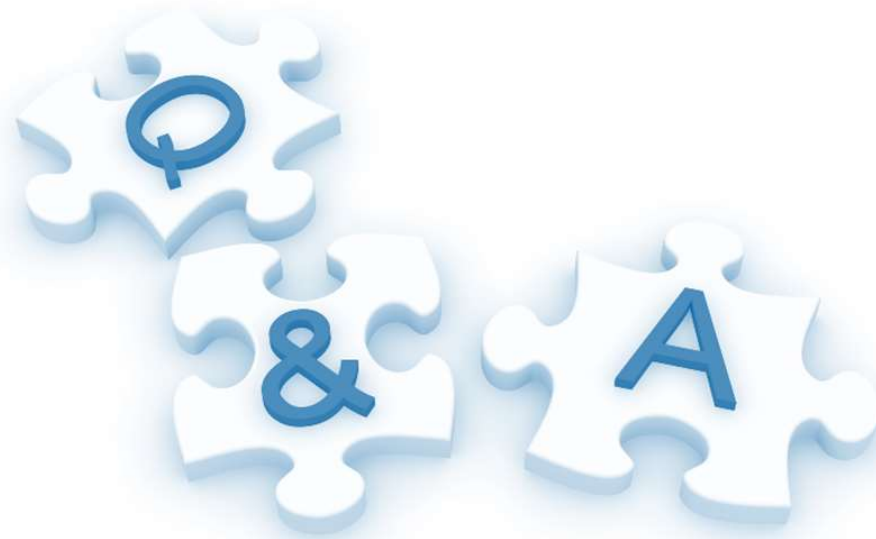
www.csh.org/fuse
and/or
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Funding Resources

- Recently, Congress passed increased funding for diversion and re-entry efforts:
 - **Second Chance Act** – FY18 = \$85M (up from \$68M)
 - **MIOTRCA** – FY18 = \$30M (up from \$12M)
- Congress also passed the **Social Impact Partnerships to Pay for Results Act** (SIPPRA)
- Learn more at www.csh.org/Impact
- MacArthur Foundation's **Safety and Justice Challenge Network** has grown into a collaborative of 52 cities and counties, across 32 states, modeling and inspiring reform. The Challenge supports local leaders determined to tackle a fundamental driver of over-incarceration in America – the misuse and overuse of jails.

Questions?

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