



Rapid Re-Housing Program Models

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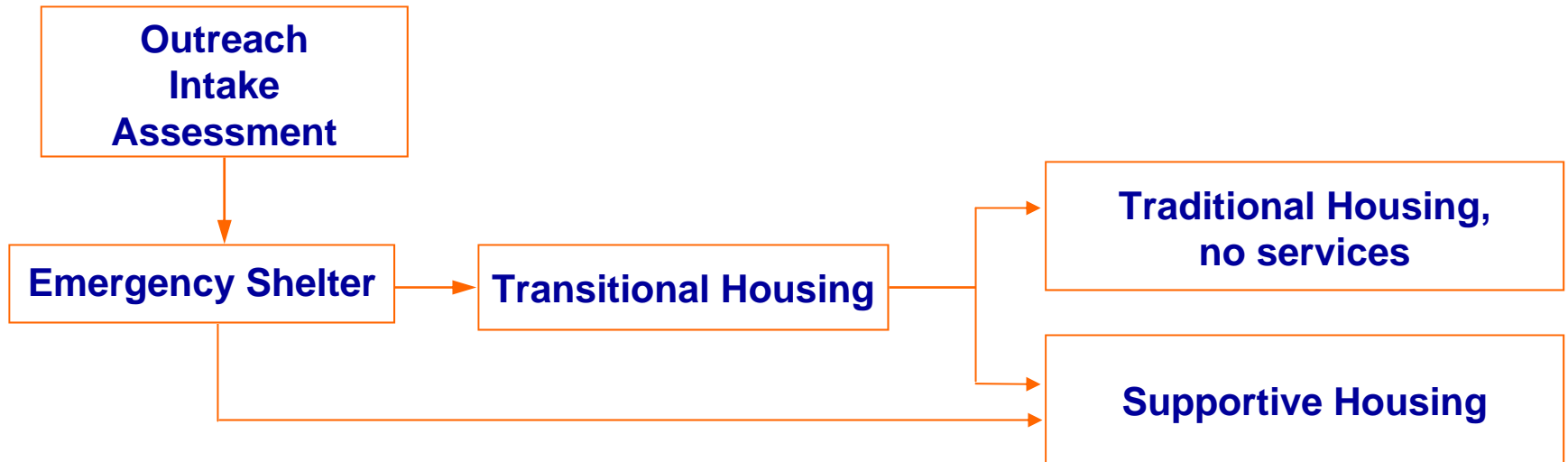
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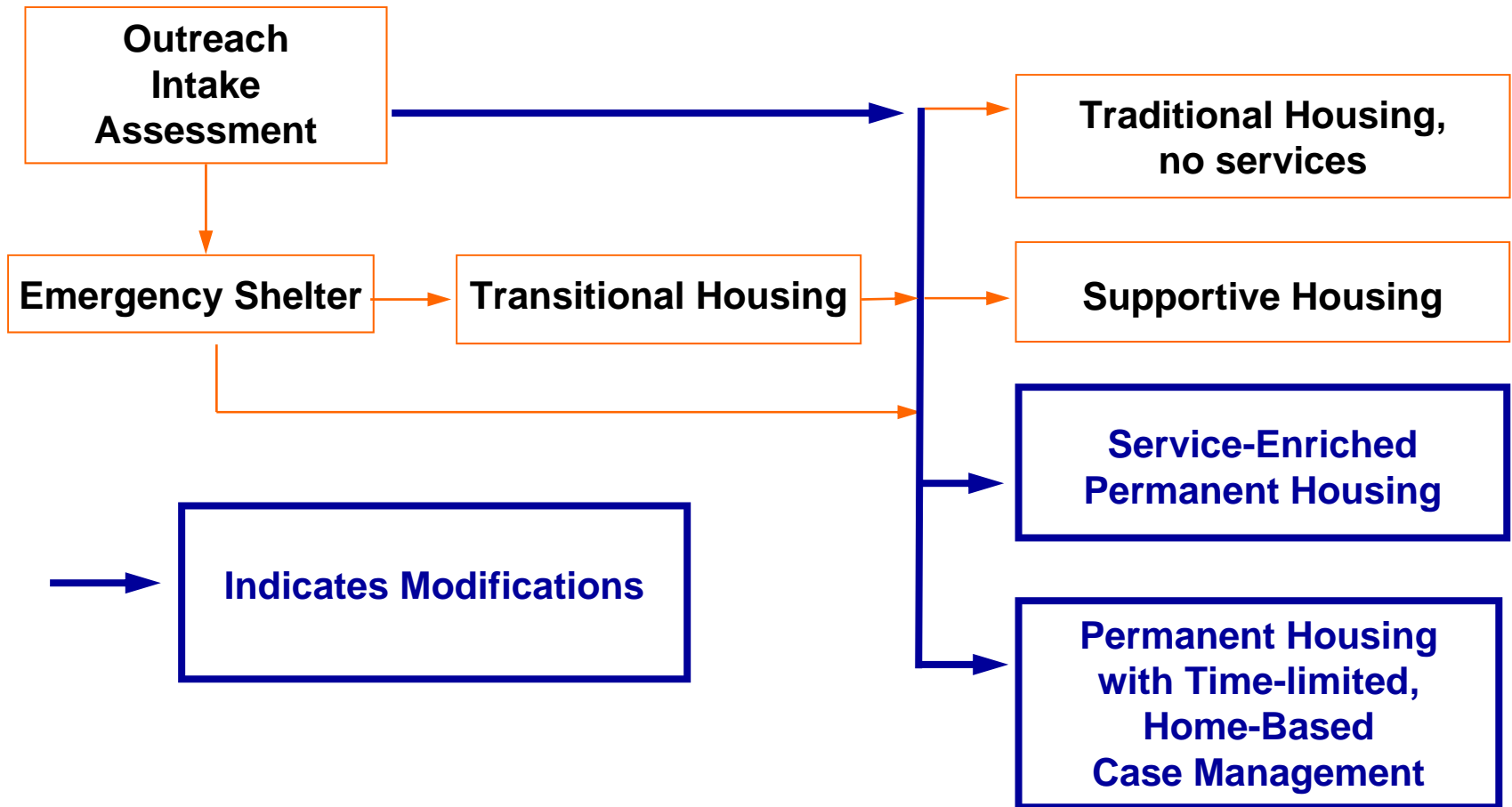
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HUD CONTINUUM OF CARE MODEL



MODIFICATIONS TO THE CONTINUUM OF CARE



THE HOUSING FIRST APPROACH

Moves homeless families into permanent rental housing *as quickly as possible*, with the services traditionally provided in *transitional* housing programs instead provided after relocation into permanent rental housing.

The basic goal of “housing first” is to “*break the cycle*” of homelessness and prevent a recurrence.




Regardless of the population served, what characterizes a program as taking a Housing First approach is:

- 1. there is an immediate and primary focus on helping families and individuals access permanent housing as quickly as possible;**



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- 2. The housing is not time-limited;**
 - 3. Social services are provided primarily following the move into permanent housing, to help the individual or family attain improved social and/or economic well-being; AND**





4. Housing is not contingent on compliance with services or treatment.

[Instead, participants must comply with a standard lease agreement and are provided with the services and supports that may be necessary to help them do so successfully.]



TWO PREMISES OF HOUSING FIRST

Permanent housing should be the central goal of our work with people experiencing homelessness.

By providing permanent housing assistance immediately and up front, we can significantly reduce or eliminate the time people spend in homelessness.



COMPONENTS OF HOUSING FIRST

- **Crisis Intervention and Stabilization**
- **Intake and Assessment**
- **Assistance Moving into Permanent Housing**
- **Home-Based Case Management**
(can be time-limited & transitional or longer-term, depending on need)



Components of the “Housing First” Methodology



STEP 1: CRISIS INTERVENTION & SHORT-TERM STABILIZATION

This phase usually includes emergency shelter services and short-term transitional housing geared to special needs, i.e. domestic violence, substance abuse treatment, stabilization.



Some models, however, place families with special needs directly into permanent housing, typically master-leasing the unit for a period of time while the adult head-of-household engages in treatment or recovery. This is to ensure that the rent is paid, while the parent progresses towards more stable living patterns and/or sobriety.



This practice is not common, however, among family programs.

While Housing First programs for chronically homeless individuals may not require sobriety for participants, such a requirement among families is vital in order to ensure child protection.



STEP 2: SCREENING, INTAKE & NEEDS ASSESSMENTS

The “needs assessment” should result in a Plan of Action, developed with the participant, and which can include both short and long-term goals and objectives and concrete “action steps.”

Can occur immediately or after crisis intervention or emergency services have been provided.



STEP 3: ASSISTANCE MOVING INTO PERMANENT HOUSING

- **Overcoming barriers to accessing affordable housing.**
- **Assistance applying for housing subsidies, move-in funds, etc.**
- **Tenant/landlord education.**
- **Assistance conducting housing search & negotiating with landlords.**



STEP 4: PROVISION OF HOME-BASED CASE MANAGEMENT

- **Intensive during the first 90 days.**
- **Intensifies during crises.**
- **Includes connecting people to community resources and services to meet their particular needs.**
- **May include longer-term case management for vulnerable and at-risk families and individuals.**



Housing First: Recognizes that Distinct Functions Serve Different Participant Needs

Case Management

- Accessing Needed Resources & Services
- Problem Solving
- Life Skills
- Parenting Support
- Money Management
- Household Management
- Crisis Intervention
- Other Supports

ASSESSING
PLANNING
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Housing Resources & Relocation

FOR PARTICIPANTS

- Housing Assistance
- Tenant Education
- Rental Assistance Programs

FOR OWNERS/MANAGERS

- Available to assist with tenant/landlord issues



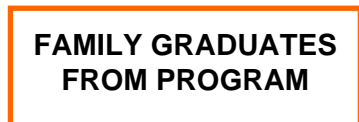
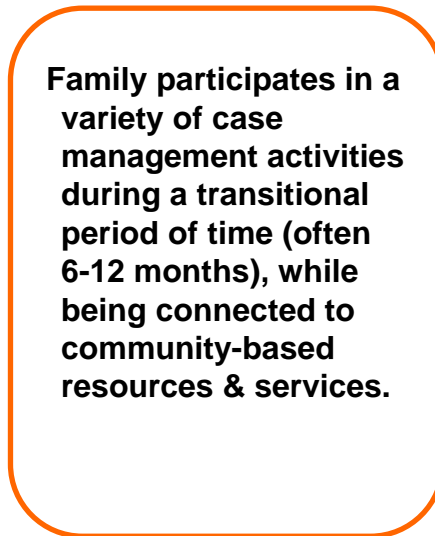


Family referred to Housing First Program



*May include *transitional housing*

SAMPLE Housing First Program

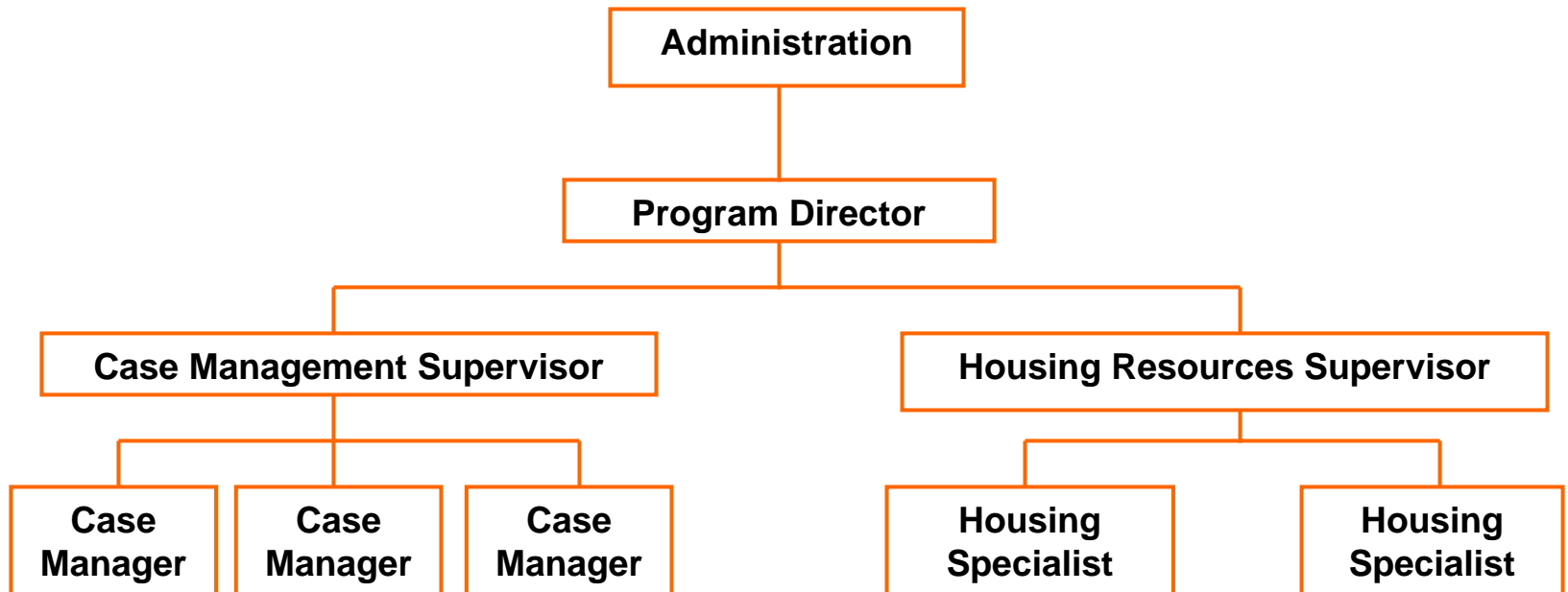


ADAPTATIONS

There is no single model for “housing first” programs. A “housing first” approach can be implemented by one agency or it can be accomplished through the collaboration of different agencies, each providing specific services.



A Sample Basic Model



Adapting Housing First to Transitional Housing Programs

Transitional housing programs can incorporate the Housing First approach into their operations by limiting the amount of time families spend in the program and by making permanent housing assistance a central, front end feature of the program.



Example of Adaptation in a Transitional Housing Program

1-2 Year Transitional Housing Program

Creates new staff positions:
Housing Specialist
Housing First Case Manager

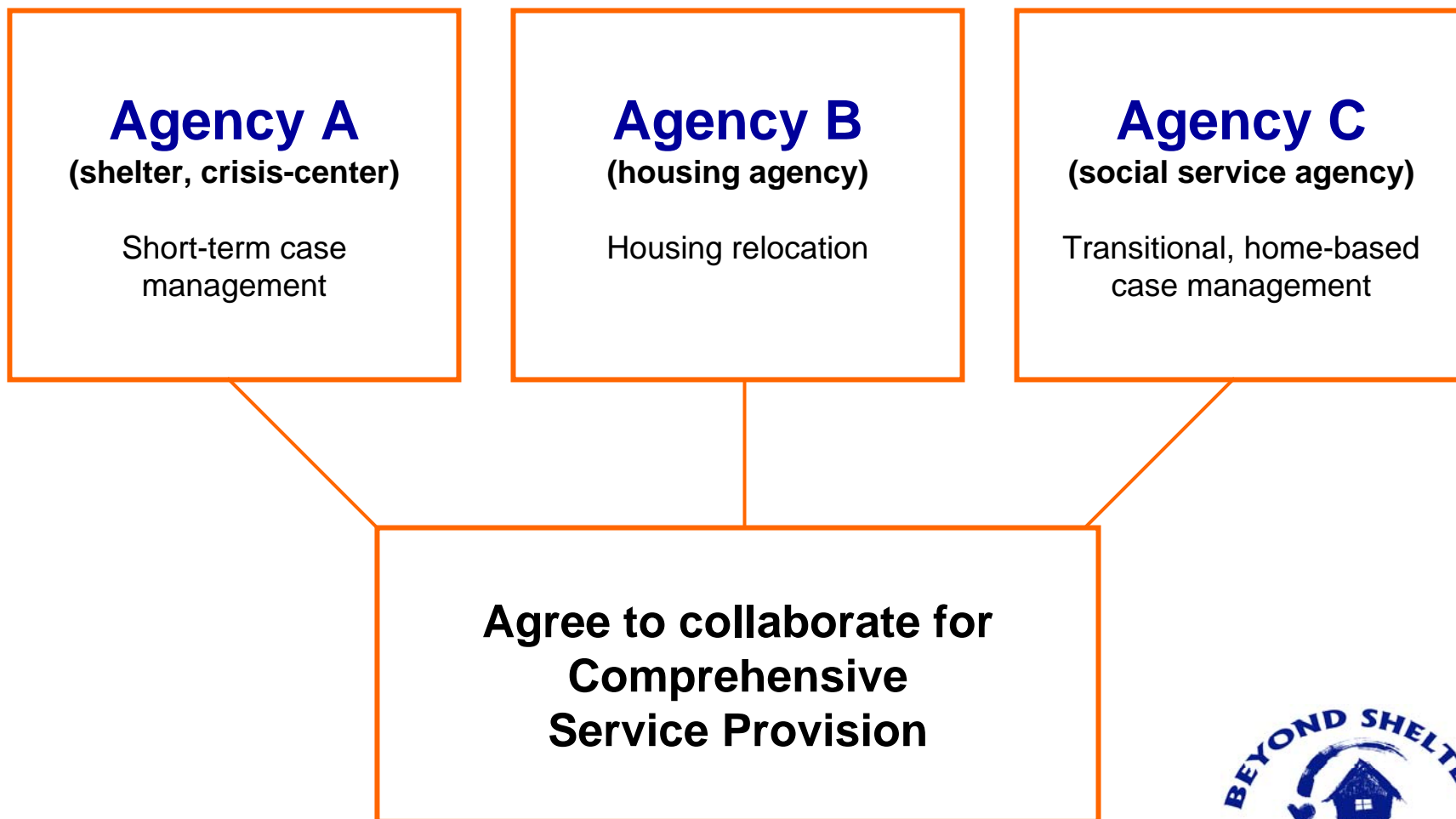
Moves families to permanent housing within 30-90 days

(scattered site rental units owned by agency, so-called “transition-in-place”, or by private landlords)

Provides home-based case management to help family “transition” to stability



A Sample Collaborative Model



Alternative Collaborative Model

“Agency” A
(local school system)

Pre-screening and referrals

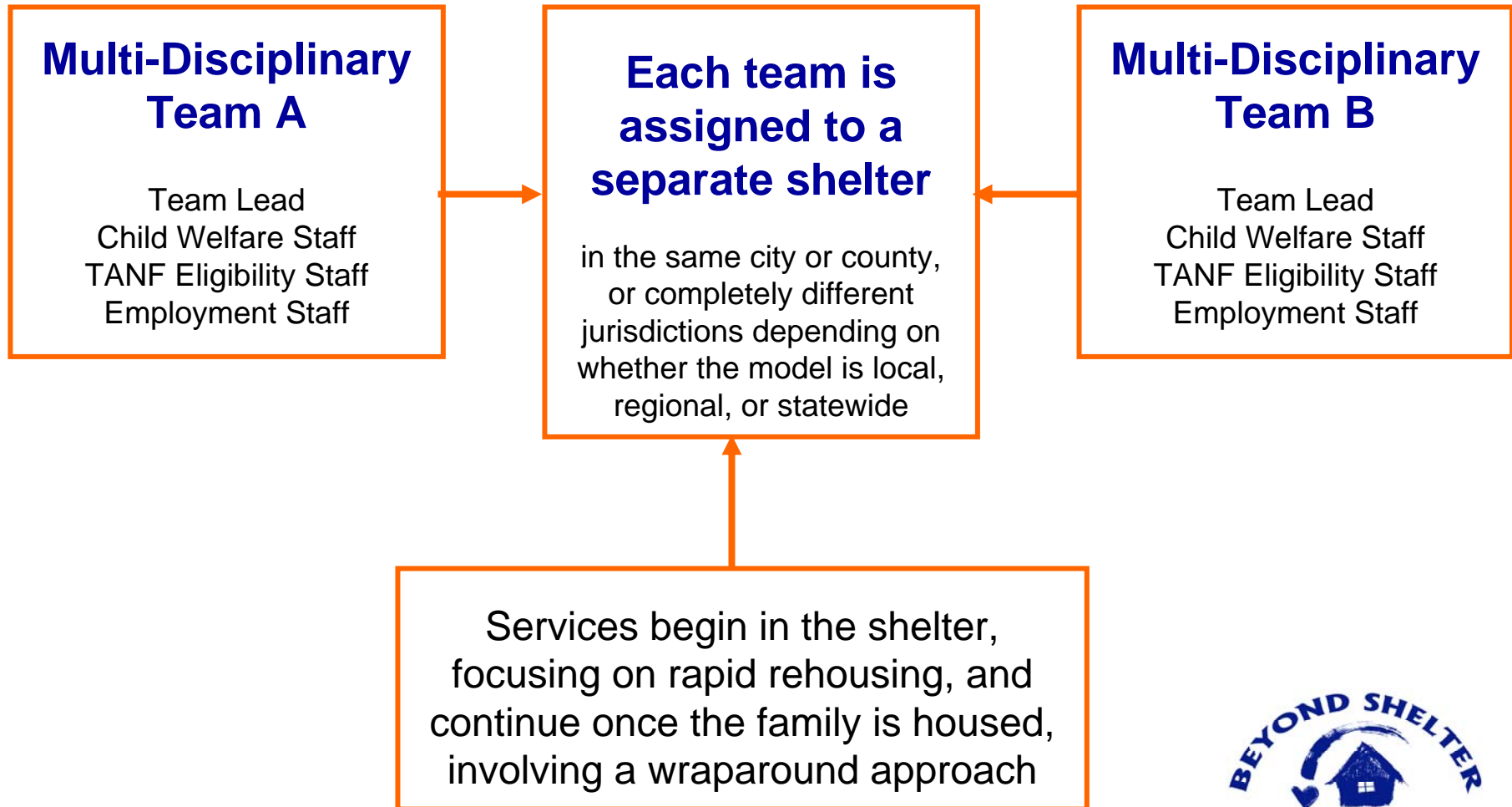
Agency B
(social service agency)

Crisis intervention, housing placement and transitional, home-based case management

Agree to collaborate to identify and serve homeless families and/or those at-risk of homelessness



Another Collaborative Model



A Sample Community or County Wide Model

Lead or Administrative Agency (Nonprofit or Government Entity)

Re-granting Funds/Contracts Administration
Technical Assistance and Training
Establishment of Standards
Quality Assurance and Outcome Monitoring

Family Collaborative

Agency A

Agency B

Agency C

**Agree to receive referrals from
centralized system and provide housing
and case management services**

