

In November 2020, Governor Christopher T. Sununu, through [Executive Order 2020-22](#), established the cross-sector Council on Housing Stability (Council). The Council was established for the purposes of creating and implementing a plan to create housing stability for all citizens of the State of New Hampshire.

Recognizing that creating housing stability is complex and crosses many sectors, the Council is co-lead by the Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Business and Economic Affairs, and the Community Development Finance Authority and includes 41-members.



VISION

The Council for Housing Stability developed the following vision statements to inform the work and the creation of this plan for housing stability in New Hampshire, including:

- ◆ Housing ends homelessness and creates stability for children, adults, families, business, and communities;
- ◆ Greater access to affordable housing will assist New Hampshire businesses and strengthen the state's economy;
- ◆ Individuals and families experiencing homelessness and housing instability often have other conditions impacting their circumstances;
- ◆ Housing stability is one of the Social Determinants of Health and is essential for all children, adults, and families to thrive in New Hampshire;
- ◆ Investing in housing is a better solution for individuals, families, and communities creating improved health, social, educational, and economic outcomes;
- ◆ Needed services and support should be delivered in each community, based on the unique assets, resources, strengths, challenges, and needs unique to each area of the state.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The following principles will guide the integrity of the planning and implementation to ensure housing stability to all NH residents.

- ◆ **Person-centered:** Experiences, choices, and goals of people at-risk of and experiencing homelessness are the basis on which services are coordinated and accessed. Policies are designed to support people regaining stability and to reduce and remove programmatic barriers.
- ◆ **Data-driven:** Strategies are rooted in evidence that is publicly reported and based on national best practice models.
- ◆ **Equity-aware:** Stakeholders commit to understanding needs and addressing policies and practices to improve racial equity and reducing disparities within the homelessness and housing systems.
- ◆ **Lead with Lived Experience:** Perspectives and input of people with lived expertise will be actively solicited and used to implement strategies and update goals.
- ◆ **Aligned with other plans:** Statewide goals and strategies will align with other strategic plans that address similar populations including *The United States Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH)*, *The NH Governor's Commission on Alcohol and other Drugs Action Plan*, *The 10 Year Mental Health Plan*, and *The New Hampshire Economic Recovery and Expansion Strategy (ERES)*.



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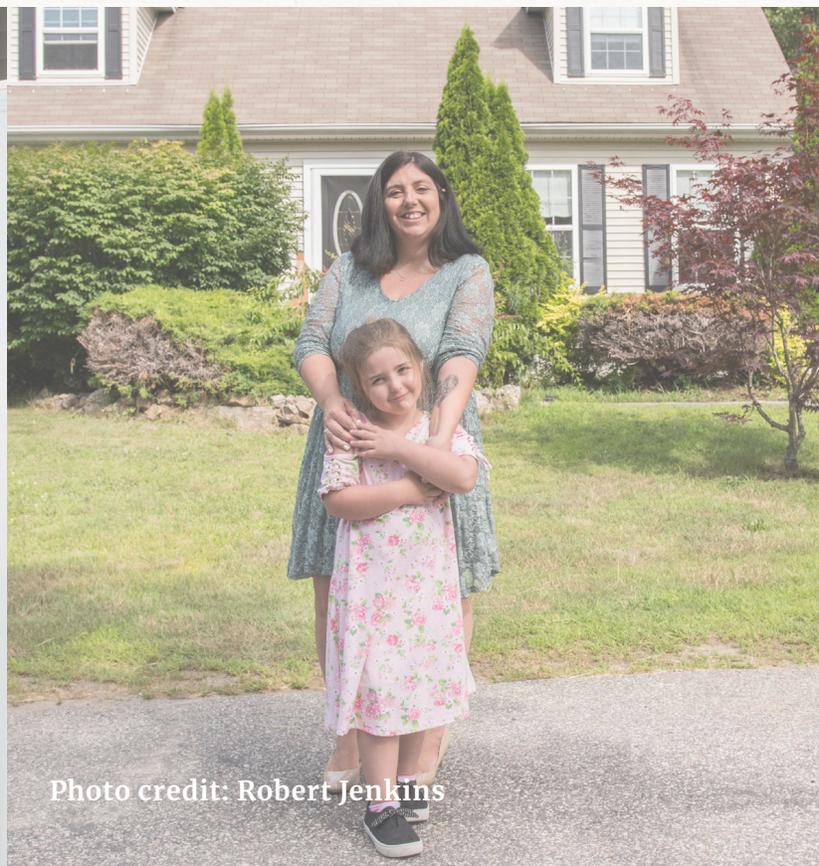


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