Why Housing Matters for Family Recovery, Stability, and Public Safety

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   WILLIAM MOORE & KIRSTIN FRESCOLN

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   SUBMIT YOUR QUESTIONS VIA CHAT BOX

4. **Q&A AND DISCUSSION**

5. **NEXT STEPS & RESOURCES**
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Ruth White is one of the nation’s leading experts on the nexus between housing policy and child welfare. She is executive director of the National Center for Housing and Child Welfare and former Director of Housing and Homelessness for the Child Welfare League of America. In that capacity she co-edited the landmark issue of the League’s journal, Child Welfare, documenting the extent to which children are needlessly held in foster care because their parents lack decent housing. She also coordinated conferences, site visits, and advisory committees and wrote a newsletter concerning the Family Unification Program, which provides federal housing vouchers to families where lack of housing is keeping children and parents apart.

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Dr. Jocelyn Chaney-Gainers is president and CEO of The Family Recovery Program Inc., which serves Baltimore City residents who have lost custody of their children as a result of substance abuse. She brings more than 23 years of experience in the field of addiction and recovery. A certified addictions counselor with expertise in working with adolescents, adults and couples in both group and individual settings, she is also a trainer and consultant for human service programs. Dr. Chaney-Gainers had a vision to create housing for parents in the program because housing is a significant challenge for parents once they have been reunited with their children. With the help of others, Chaney-Gainers bought and renovated a 28,000-square-foot Catholic school that is now The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Building at Sage Center, where families can live while parents get jobs, return to college, and make other important life decisions.

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Caitlyn Malone has been the Muscogee County Family Drug Court Coordinator for two years. Prior to that, Caitlyn obtained her bachelor’s degree in Psychology and Biology with a concentration in Learning and Behavior from Columbus State University. She went on to obtain her Master’s Degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling from Troy University. While in graduate school, she worked with the C.H.I.N.S. (Children in Need of Services) program through the Juvenile Court in Russell County, Alabama. Caitlyn was first introduced to Drug Courts through her master’s level clinical internship. She worked as a clinical evaluator and individual counselor for the Adult Drug Court program in Muscogee County for a year. After graduating, she accepted the position with the Family Drug Court as the Coordinator.
Kirstin Frescoln is a Senior Program Associate with Children and Family Futures where she supports implementation of Family Treatment Courts. She has more than 25 year's experience developing, implementing, and evaluating community-based programs and policies to improve the health and well-being of vulnerable individuals and families. She has worked at the local, state, and federal level; former positions include North Carolina Drug Treatment Court Manager, Senior Consultant for the National Drug Court Institute, Senior Research Associate with the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Center for Urban and Regional Studies, and Maternal, Infant, and Child Home Visiting Coordinator with the North Carolina Division of Public Health, Children, and Youth. Through her private consulting firm, Facilitated Community Solutions, she has provided technical assistance and training for the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Juvenile Justice, Center for Court Innovation, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, National Drug Court Institute, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, Children and Family Futures, and Reclaiming Futures, as well as numerous local and state entities. Publications include examination of the impacts of federal policy on treatment courts, the health impacts of relocation from distressed public housing, and evaluations of self-sufficiency initiatives within public housing in journals such as Social Science and Medicine, Housing Policy Debate, International Public Health Journal, and Housing Studies.

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