



How Street Outreach Can Support Communities

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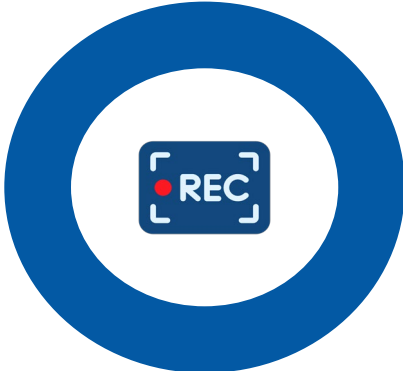
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The LIFT Academy Website

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Any and all resources that are shared throughout the LIFT Academy will be posted here. Check back regularly to see the tools, frameworks, and other products that are shared via the Virtual Assemblies, Learning Circles, and in-person convenings.

Stay Connected!

Many of the LIFT Academy participants asked to share contact information with each other. We encourage all participants who want to connect to [share their info on this google sheet](#). Please note that this is a public sheet that can be viewed by anyone who has the link.

Virtual Assemblies & Learning Circles

July 23rd, 2025: The Intersection of Medicaid & Homelessness. Medicaid can be a game-changer when it comes to financing your programs, and it can feel like a complex maze that is impossible to navigate and administer. We will be joined by several members of the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy & Financing (HCPF) to discuss how



Today's Schedule



- Welcome!
- Meet the Panel
- Panel Discussion
- Q&A
- Meeting Survey
- Coming Up

Meet the Panel



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Panel Discussion



- ❖ What outreach practices have been most effective in moving people from engagement to housing?
- ❖ How do you introduce housing conversations with people who may be ambivalent, distrustful, or have been unhoused for a long time?
- ❖ We know lack of housing options is a challenge for outreach teams. Can you share an example of a time your team was creative in finding a solution despite those limits?
- ❖ How do you maintain engagement with participants during transitions between outreach, shelter, treatment, and housing? How do you define a “warm handoff” in practice, and what steps make it successful in your community? And what role does outreach play after housing placement, if any, in your program?

Panel Discussion (Continued)



- ❖ How would you describe your outreach program's partnership with first responders? And what advice would you give to communities looking to start or strengthen partnerships with first responders?
- ❖ What other key partnerships would you encourage other outreach teams to pursue, and what does that look like for your program? How did you form this partnership? How does it benefit your program?
- ❖ If you were starting your outreach program today, is there anything you would do differently?
- ❖ Is there anything else you would like to share?

Questions



Learning Circle Survey

- Complete the Zoom poll **OR** SurveyMonkey evaluation for the chance to win a \$5 gift card!



Learning Circle - How Street Outreach Can Support Communities

This learning circle was an interactive virtual session that brought street outreach providers from across the state together for peer learning and practical problem-solving. Participants explored strategies such as joint outreach protocols, warm handoff systems, and partnerships with first responders to divert people from the streets into appropriate housing and services.

Survey responses will be shared with the SHG Advisors team members and used to evaluate the effectiveness of the learning circle and identify continuous opportunities to provide the most effective learning experiences moving forward. Aggregate and de-identified data may be shared with OHI for reporting on the LIFT Academy.



<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LIFTStreetOutreach>

thank you

Coming Up



- **From Today:**
 - Slides and Recording posted on LIFT Academy Resource Page

- **Going Forward:**
 - What Works: Using Housing to Increase Emergency Response Outcomes. Thursday, February 19, 11am-12:30pm

 - Panel Discussion: How to Increase Staff Stability. Wednesday, February 25, 11am-12:30pm



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