



Collaborative Solutions

Addressing Community College Student Housing
Insecurity through University Partnerships

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Agenda

- Welcome & Agenda Overview
- Overview of LACCD Housing Strategy
- Lessons Learned from Cohousing Partnerships
- Panel Discussion
- Student Comments
- Wrap Up



Opening Context



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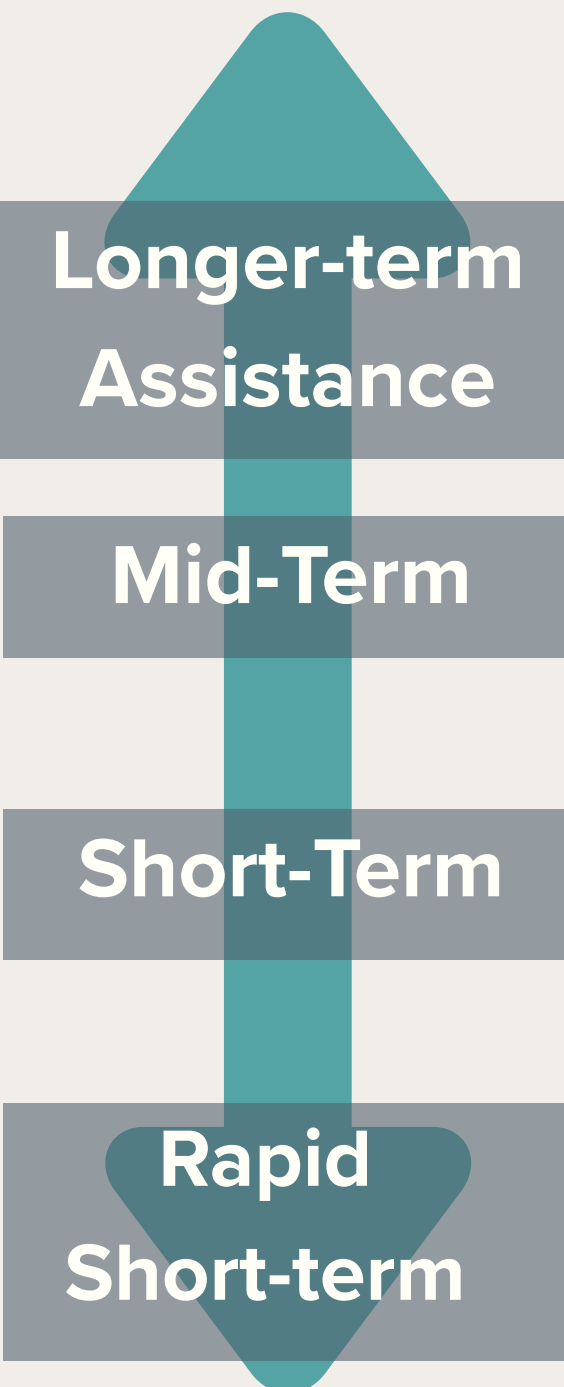
LACCD

- 9 colleges
 - Largest community college district in the country
- 200,000+ students
 - Half report incomes near or below the poverty line
- Survey results:
 - 64% experienced a basic needs insecurity
 - 40% are experiencing food insecurity
 - 55% are experiencing some form of housing insecurity
 - 13% have experienced homelessness in the past year

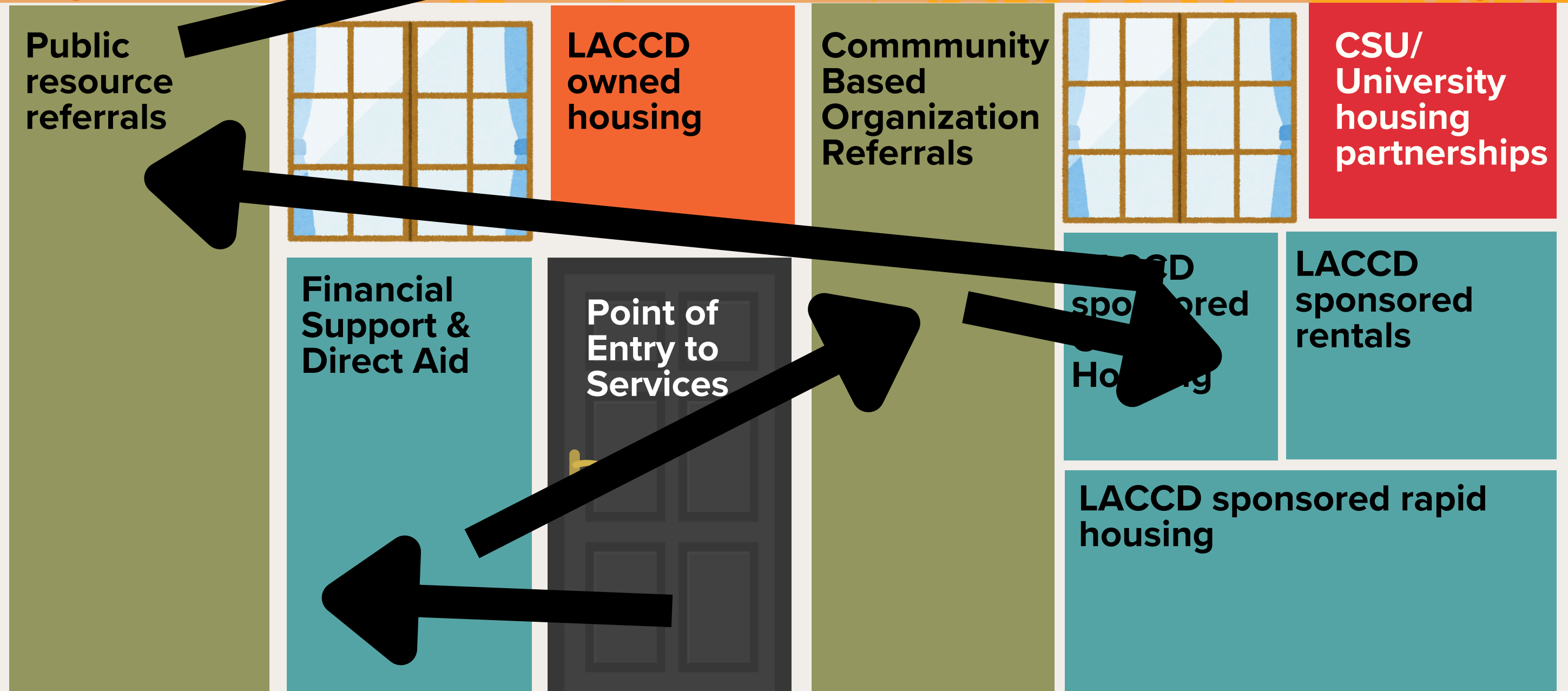
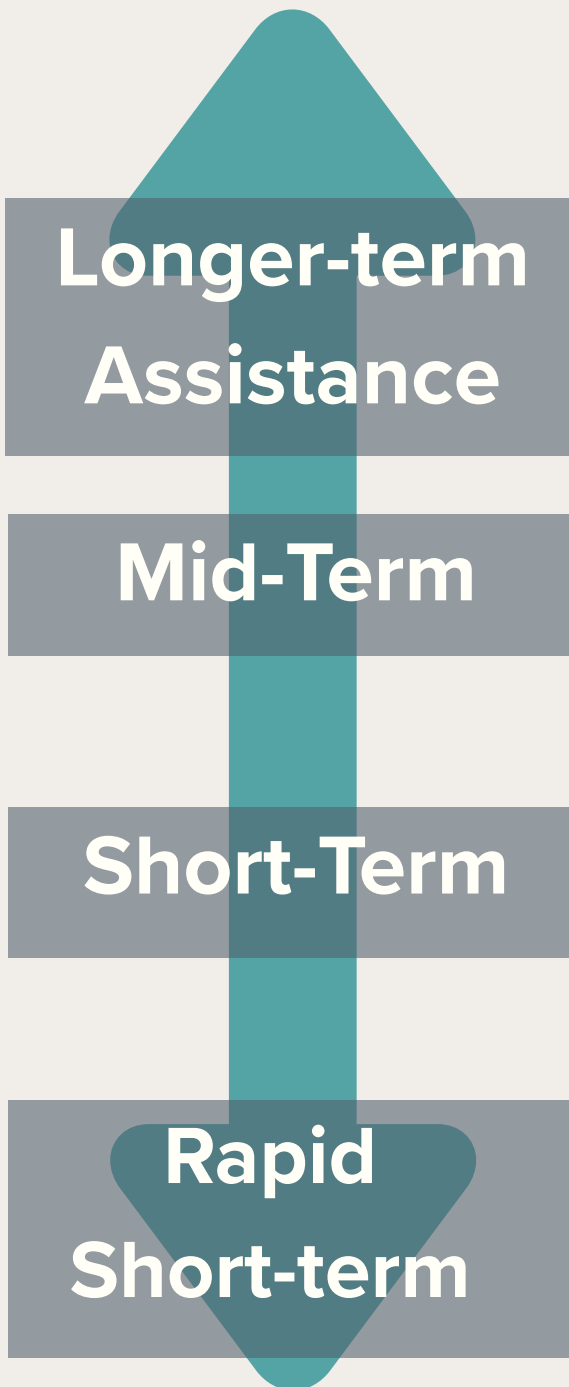


Systems, Culture, Policies, and Practices

that promote understanding of the needs and insecurities faced by students, their families, and communities and allow LACCD to develop, implement, and assess sustainable, responsive, data-informed solutions



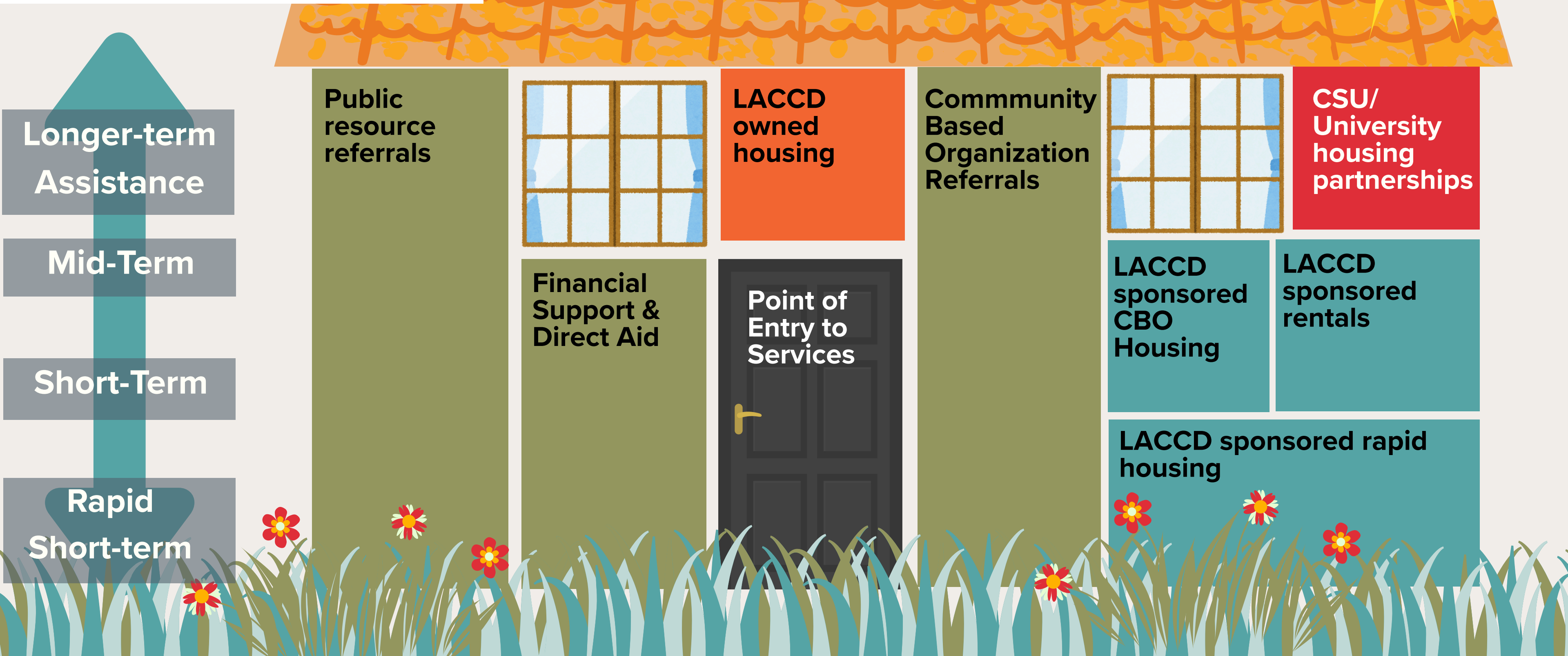
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Housing Support Strategies



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Key Themes

Feasibility

Intersegmental cohousing is both practical and urgently needed to address housing gaps.

Complexity

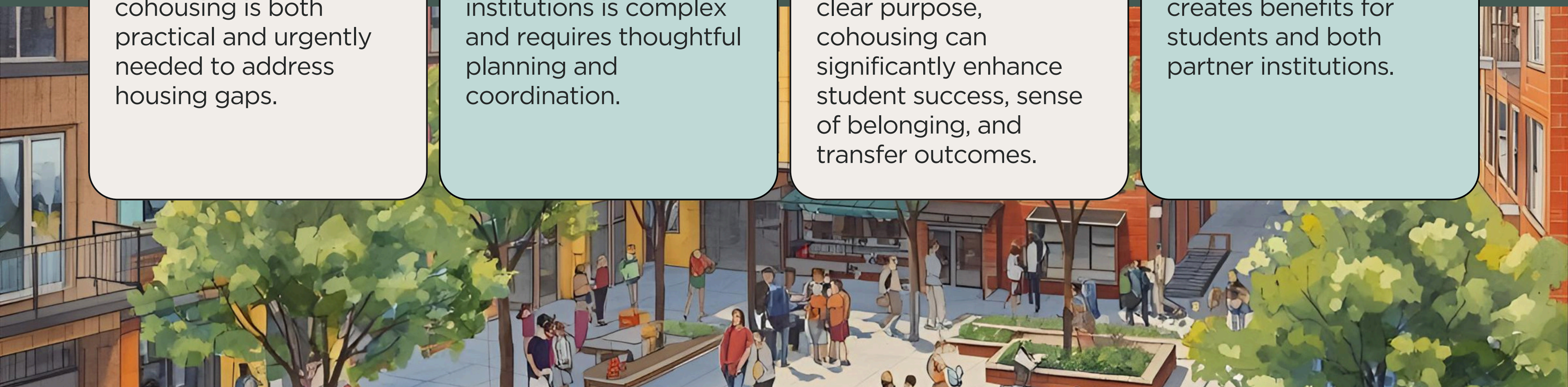
Collaboration across institutions is complex and requires thoughtful planning and coordination.

Intentionality

When designed with clear purpose, cohousing can significantly enhance student success, sense of belonging, and transfer outcomes.

Mutuality

Effective collaboration creates benefits for students and both partner institutions.



Enabling Conditions

Funding Availability

State funding for affordable student housing development and Cal Grant Student Success Completion Grant contribute public dollars.

Basic Needs Awareness

The COVID-19 pandemic and related research & advocacy increased awareness of basic needs insecurity and impact on student success.

Transfer Focus

Universities are increasingly prioritizing transfer students by establishing Transfer Centers and proactively engaging with CCs.

Pathway Efforts

Various statewide strategies remove systemic barriers and strengthen the pipeline from CC to university.

Challenges to Overcome



**Institutional
Culture**

**Governance
& Staffing
Structures**

**Procedural
Rigidity &
Risk Aversion**



Best Practices

**Shared
Vision &
Champions**

**Diverse
Team
Members**

**Clear
Institutional
Agreements**



Best Practices

**Build
Community**

**Plan for
Sustainability**

Panelists



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Riverside Community College District + UC Riverside *Residential Scholars Program*

Program

Opened August 2025, **RCCD-UCR Residential Scholars program** offers RCCD students a unique residential experience at the University of California, Riverside (UCR).

Through this innovative partnership, students live in UCR's North District 2 Residential Hall while pursuing their studies at RCCD.

Student Cost

\$750/month for shared room, \$850/month for single
30% of median-income for Riverside County





Los Angeles Community College District

Program

Several university partnerships under exploration, in addition to multiple models to build and/or acquire student housing

Considerations

Cost, transportation, access to food and other essential on-campus services





CSU San Bernardino + San Bernardino Valley College *Den2Den Housing Pathway Program*

Program

The **Den2Den Housing Pathway Program** allows eligible SBVC students to live in CSUSB residence halls, enjoy full access to campus dining, and be part of a vibrant college community, all while attending classes at SBVC.

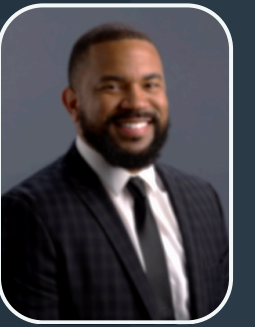
Student Cost

\$1,094.54 per student (total mandatory fees) includes students access to the Library, Recwell, and ID, etc.

Eligibility

Students must apply and be reviewed by SBVC before being eligible to live on campus at CSUSB





CSU Dominguez Hills + Marymount California University

**Prior* Housing Partnership*

Program

Fall 2019 CSUDH had a housing waitlist of over 400 first year students.

Partnered with MCU to house about 280 students in their vacant housing facilities. Shuttle transported students to and from MCU throughout the week.



Student Cost

Students paid fees for housing as well as an activities fee to be involved in all co-curricular experiences.



Riverside Community College District + UC Riverside

Residential Scholars Program



Application Dashboard - UPDATED 9/10/2025	Count
All conditionally accepted students	801
# of students who are <u>no longer interested in housing</u> (deactivated in StarRez)	198
# of students who <u>canceled a signed contract</u> (deactivated in StarRez)	26
Updated application pool	<u>577</u>
# of students who <u>did not complete Part 2 of application process</u>	281
# of students who <u>completed Part 2 but did not sign a contract</u>	63
# of students with <u>a signed contract "reserved space" but did not move in</u>	9
# of students who MOVED-IN	224
Occupancy Dashboard	
RCCD initial bed count	326
RA Beds (Year one will be all UCR students)	6
Relinquished beds to UCR as of 7/22	72
RCCD total bed count for Fall 2025 (Initial Bed Count - RA Beds - Relinquished Beds)	248
Current Occupancy (Contracts Signed / Remaining Beds)	90%
Remaining RCCD beds to fill (total bed count – students who moved-in)	24
Vacant Spaces (remaining RCCD beds to fill – students with a reserved space)	15

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