

# Getting Support for Supported Housing

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# Introduction



- Juneau Affordable Housing Coordinator
  - Juneau Homeless Coalition
  - Juneau Affordable Housing Commission
- Education: 10 years
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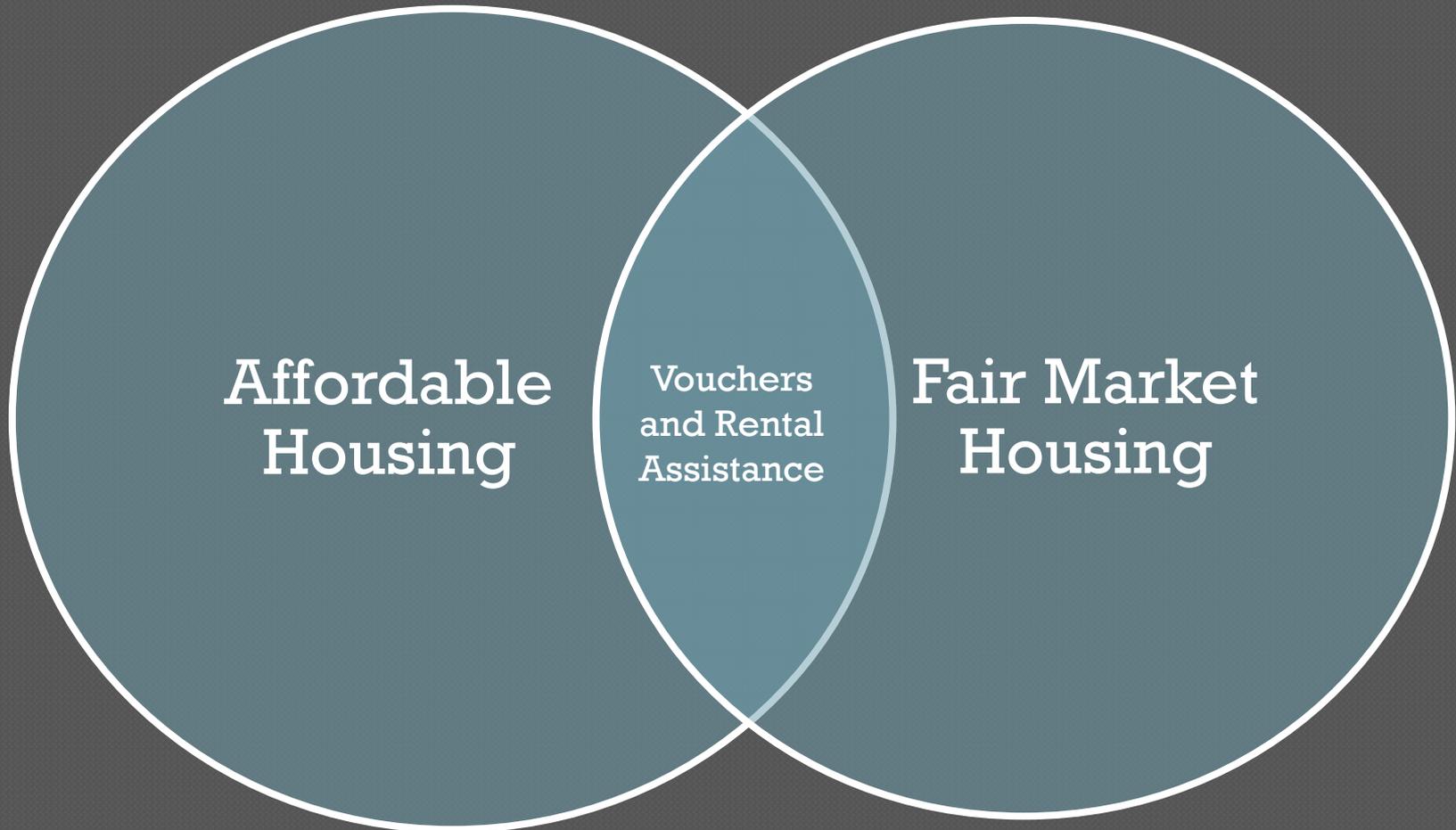
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**Basic Idea: How can we give local communities the tools to monitor their housing system and to strategically fill gaps?**

Communities are responsible for meeting the housing needs for its residents.

# Where does supportive housing fit in the housing spectrum?

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# Affordable Housing Definitions

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## **Affordable Housing – 30% Rule**

The National Housing Act of 1937 considered households “burdened” if expenditures toward housing exceeded 30 percent of household income. This affordability indicator can be applied to any resident at any income level in any type of housing unit.

## Affordable Housing Stock

Affordable Housing

## Continuum of Care Housing Targeting Homeless Persons

- **Emergency Shelter**
- **Transitional Living**
- **Permanent Supportive Housing**

## Subsidized Public Housing

- **Alaska Housing Finance Corporation**
- **1300 units of subsidized housing**
- **4300 Housing Choice Vouchers**

## Other Types of Affordable Housing

- **Permanent Affordable Housing**
- **Assisted Living**
- **Housing First - Permanent Supportive Housing**
- **Senior Housing/Pioneer Homes**
- **Treatment/Recovery Centers (Transitional)**
- **College Dormitories**

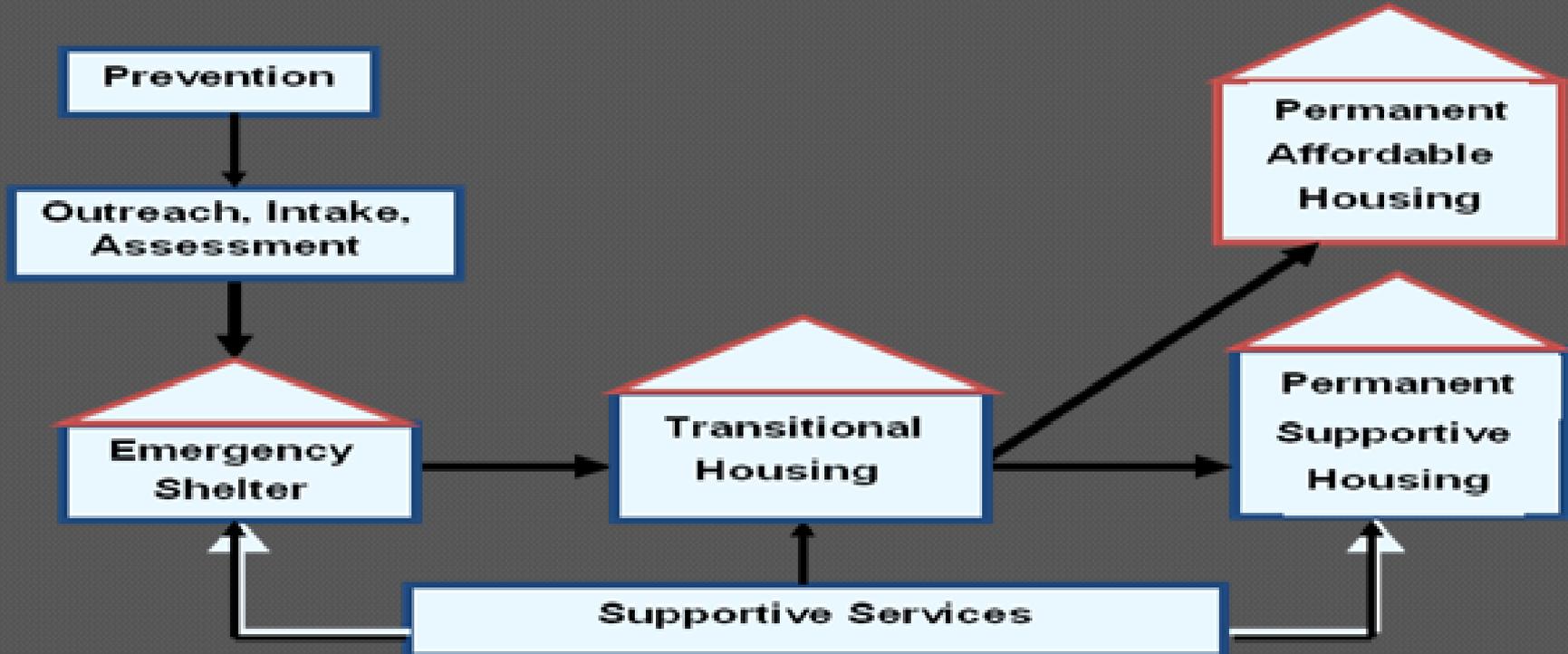
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## Continuum of Care Housing Targeting Homeless Persons General Use – Can be Used by Transition Aged Youth

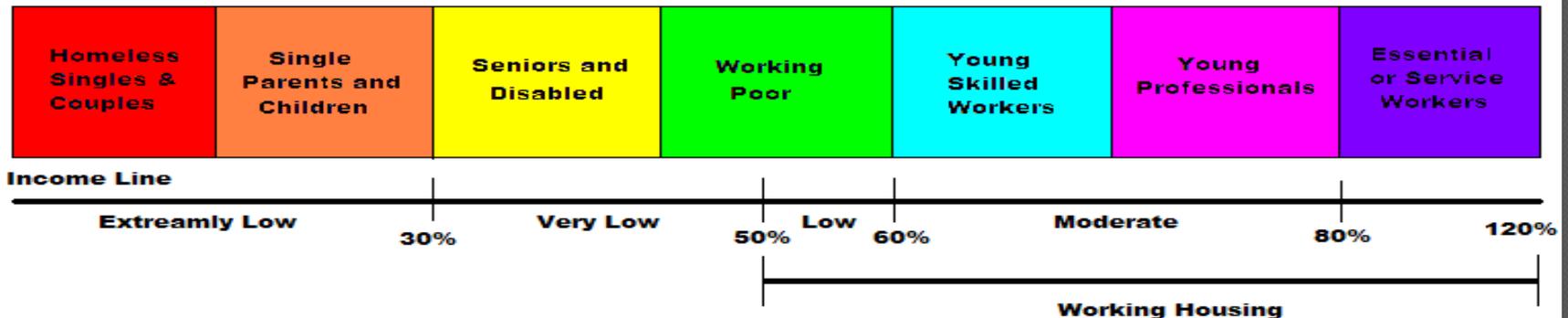


## Affordable Housing Stock

## Subpopulations Utilizing/Needing Affordable Supported Housing



- Elderly
- Persons with Disabilities
- Persons with Mental Illness
- Victims of Domestic Violence
- Persons with HIV/AIDS
- Youth
- Veterans
- Substance Use/Abuse



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AHFC 2009 Alaska Housing  
Assessment

- 12,980 new housing units needed to meet demand created by overcrowded conditions and houses that are severely substandard.
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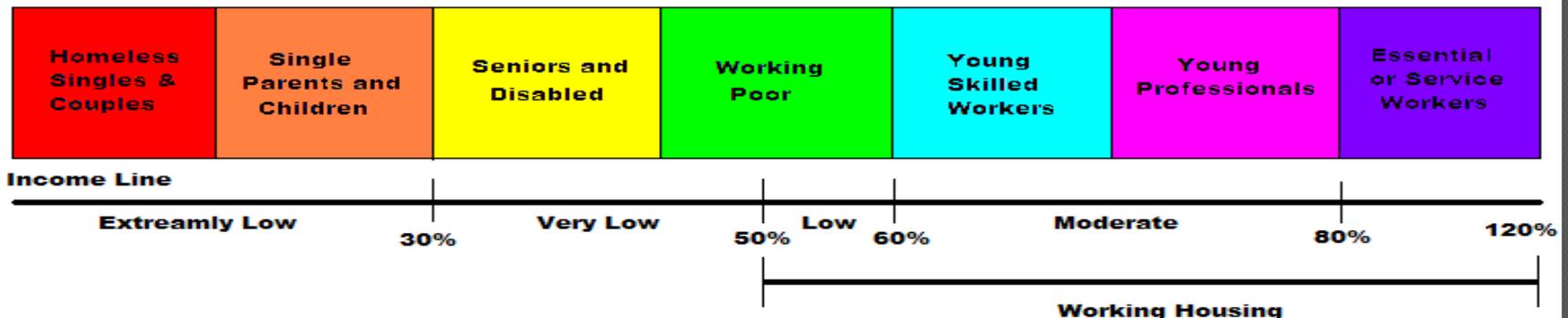
**Subpopulations Utilizing/Needing Affordable, Supported Housing**

**These**



Must compete for limited resources *and* ....it is hard to distinguish needs/overlap for each subpopulation.

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- **Youth**
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- **Substance Use/Abuse**



# What to do?

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3 steps necessary to developing affordable housing in local communities

1. Data
2. Collaboration
3. Financing

Balance of State communities struggle with the first one more so than Anchorage.

Why is it a struggle?

- Organizational capacity
- Political culture
- Technical assistance needed

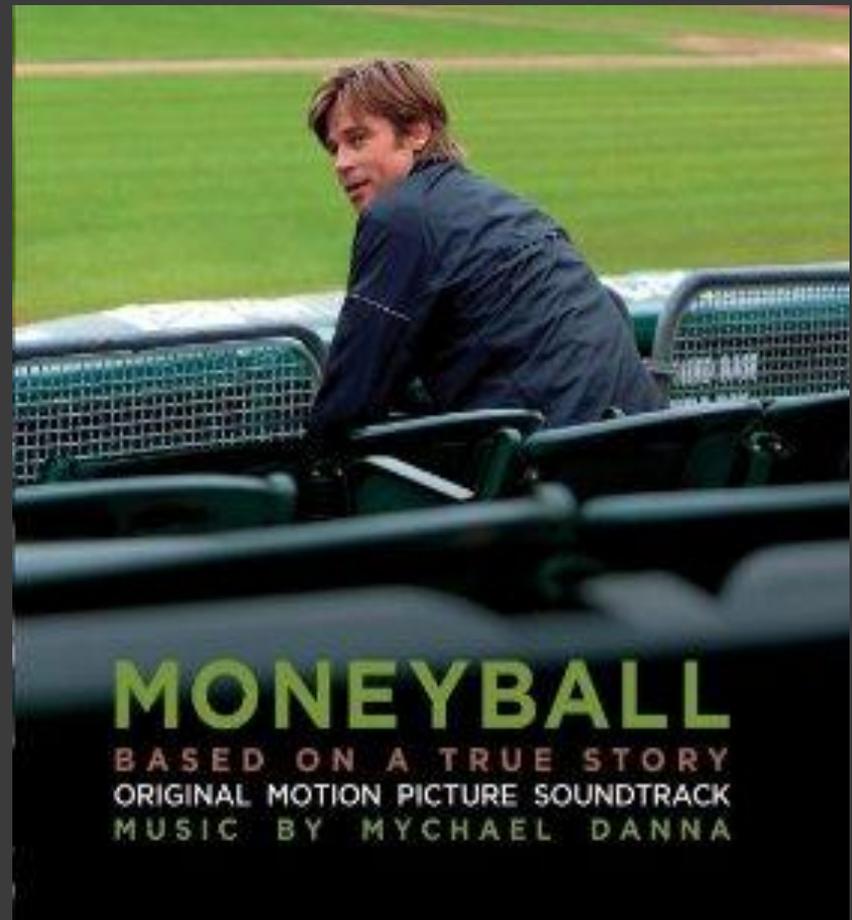
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## Data

1. Moneyball Movement
2. Partnerships on data
3. Vermont Housing Data Website & Guidebook



# Data & Plans

<b>Local Level Data</b>	<b>Planning</b>
<b>Annual Point In Time Homeless Count</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Vulnerability Index Street Outreach</li></ul>	<b>Local 10-year plan to end homelessness</b>
<b>CoC Housing Inventory</b>	
<b>Alaska Homeless Management Information System (AKHMIS)</b>	
<b>AKAIMS</b>	
<b>Housing Needs Assessment (Entire Housing Market)</b>	<b>Local Comprehensive Plan</b>
<b>Supported Housing Stock Survey</b>	<b>State Plans</b>

**Interagency Council**

**Governor's Council  
on Homelessness**

**Alaska  
Legislature**

**Alaska Coalition on  
Housing and  
Homelessness**

**Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)**

**Alaska Mental  
Health Trust  
Authority**

**State of Alaska**

# **Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC)**

**Local  
Government**

**Business  
Community**

Data often does not reach these entities on the local level.

Therefore -- limited involvement

**Data and  
Communication**

**Youth  
Advocates**

**Affordable  
Housing  
Developers**

**Housing/Service  
Providers**