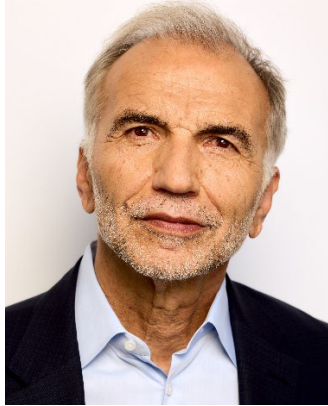


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Sam Tsemberis is a clinical community psychologist who originated the “Housing First” model based on the belief that housing is a basic human right. After opening the original program in New York City, Dr. Tsemberis subsequently opened programs in Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, PA, Burlington, VT, and Atlanta, GA. Housing First initially served individuals experiencing homelessness and diagnosed with severe psychiatric disabilities. It has subsequently been modified to also serve families and youth. Housing First provides immediate access to housing plus robust social services and treatment. Most program participants receive or are eligible for receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI). Research evidence from several randomized control trials reports that the housing stability for program recipients ranges from 75% to 90%. This is compared to 35% to 45% for treatment then housing programs. Today, organizations, municipalities, and counties across the US, Canada, EU, Australia, and New Zealand have successfully implemented the Pathways Housing First program.

Currently, Dr. Tsemberis serves as CEO of the Pathways Housing First Institute and as Clinical Associate Professor, UCLA Department of Psychiatry and Biobehavioral Sciences. He provides training and consultation on implementation, operation, and research of Housing First. He has published widely on these topics, including two books. He has received recognition for this work from the National Alliance to End Homelessness, the American Psychological Association, the Lieutenant Governor of Canada, and others.