



## **Child Welfare and Supportive Housing Leadership Forum on Youth and Families Executive Summary**

On May 9 – 10, 2018, CSH convened a targeted group of leaders, graciously hosted by the Annie E. Casey Foundation at their meeting space in Baltimore, Maryland. This following summary includes highlights and key takeaways shaping our continued energy to advance housing stability and improved outcomes for children, youth/young adults, families and systems.

### **Highlights and Key Takeaways**

The Forum brought leaders from national organizations and foundations together with local states and communities collaboratively planning or implementing supportive housing approaches for families and youth with child welfare connections. The Forum was heavily focused on facilitated peer learning, opportunities to leverage recent federal policy, and resulted in specific commitments from CSH and national partners that support continued progress. The Supportive Housing and Child Welfare Leadership Forum was made possible through the generous support of the **Annie E. Casey Foundation, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Bank of America Foundation, and Edna McConnell Clark Foundation.**

#### **Peer Learning**

Forum participants indicated the great value they found through this type of strategic peer to peer opportunity. CSH and our partners will continue to identify investments that will further strategic opportunities for peer to peer learning and leadership development.

#### **National partnerships that increase resources and momentum**

CSH and the national partners that participated in the Forum identified the need for continued alignment of efforts and additional opportunities together to lift up strategies, address identified challenges and increase resources to advance the successes across additional jurisdictions.

#### **Connection points across youth and family initiatives**

While there are population specific needs, the Forum participants identified opportunities to better coordinate strategies to serve both families and youth with child welfare involvement, including increased focus on young adults that are parenting.

#### **Leveraging Current Opportunities**

There have been many recent changes, specifically in the federal policy arena, which can be leveraged to further housing strategies for families and youth. Opportunities identified include the federal Family First Prevention Services Act, Family Unification Program allocations, Family Self-sufficiency Act, and behavioral health funding through the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures Act and the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act.

**Through One Roof, CSH and our partners are committed to ongoing collaboration, working together to further align efforts, jointly advance strategies and incremental changes that ensure a more positive future for children, youth and families.**