Mercer Housing Now - Rapid Re-Housing Demonstration Rapid Re-housing programs help families experiencing homelessness move quickly into permanent housing by providing needed financial assistance along with locating housing in the community and negotiating with landlords. It provides home-based case management to promote housing retention and links families with needed services within their new community.	**State Demonstration For TANF Families**	**HUD Demonstration For NON-TANF Families**
What are the goals of the demonstration? 1.To demonstrate a seamless system with a single point of entry and screening. 2. To demonstrate a rapid re-housing strategy for families who are homeless and have moderate barriers to housing.*	√	√
Who is the target population? Families who are homeless and have moderate barriers to housing **and …**	Receive TANF	Are not eligible for TANF
What are the components of Mercer Housing Now? Rental Assistance up to 18 months Home-based case-management Housing search Linkage to mainstream services	√	√
Who pays for Rental Assistance?	MCBOSS/using a Temporary Rental Assistance (TRA)	HUD grant /using short – term rental assistance
How will families be screened/assessed for Mercer Housing Now? MCBOSS staff will screen for families who have moderate barriers to housing while doing an Emergency Assistance applications and reviewing families currently in transitional housing. Both TANF and non-TANF families will be screened MCBOSS case managers will be part of the Rapid Rehousing case management team.	√	√
How many families will be included in the demonstration?	30 annually	9 each year/28 over three years
How will housing stabilization services be administered? Services will be RFP'd through the Social Services for the Homeless Program.	√	√
When will services be RFP'd? **Spring 2009**	√	√
When will implementation begin? **July 1, 2009**	√	√
How will monitoring occur A systems review committee will be developed to monitor the implementation of the demonstration		

***HUD definition of moderate barriers to housing**

- A financial strain that is not ongoing and will not impact the ability to independently sustain housing once re-housed (in subsidized or unsubsidized housing)
- Inadequate employment or lack of employment. Family should have or be willing to obtain employment that increases the income of the household so they can sustain housing independently at end of short term assistance
- Inadequate childcare resources
- Head of household with low level of education or low command of English but is willing to obtain language and/or language skills to obtain employment and maintain housing
- Legal problems
- Mental health diagnosis that does not greatly impact the household's ability to independently sustain housing
- A history of substance abuse without any active use
- Poor credit history
- Poor rental history, including up to 3 evictions