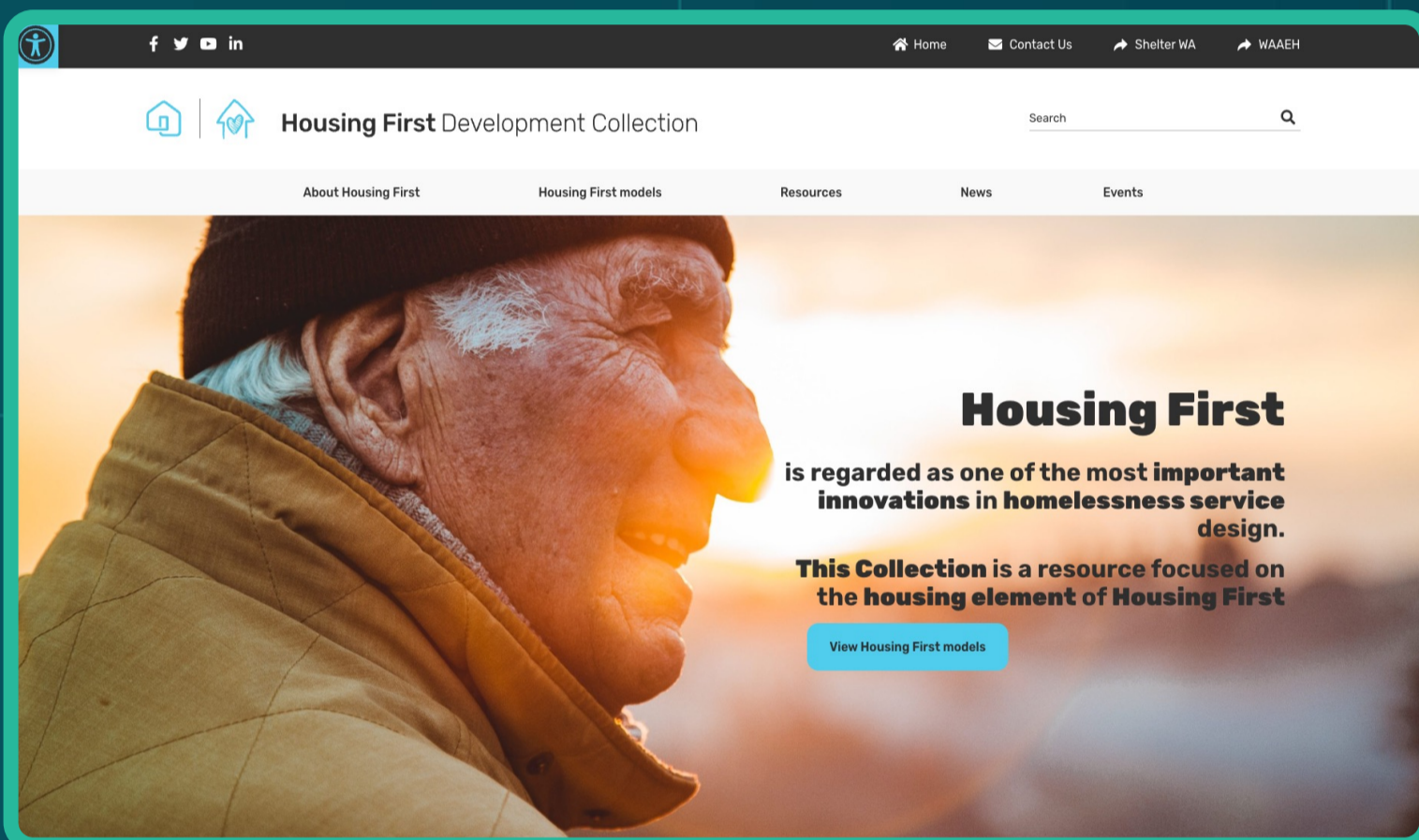


Housing First Development Collection

The research project

- Examined the Housing First evidence base, and its implementation, effectiveness, and outcomes.
- Developed 16 case studies showcasing a range of Australian and international Housing First programs, detailing the:
 - Housing typology & design
 - Tenant outcomes
 - Key stakeholders
 - Program progression
 - Financial arrangements
- Established the Housing First Development Collection website: *an online clearinghouse, providing an entry point for stakeholders seeking to understand the benefits & delivery of Housing First.*

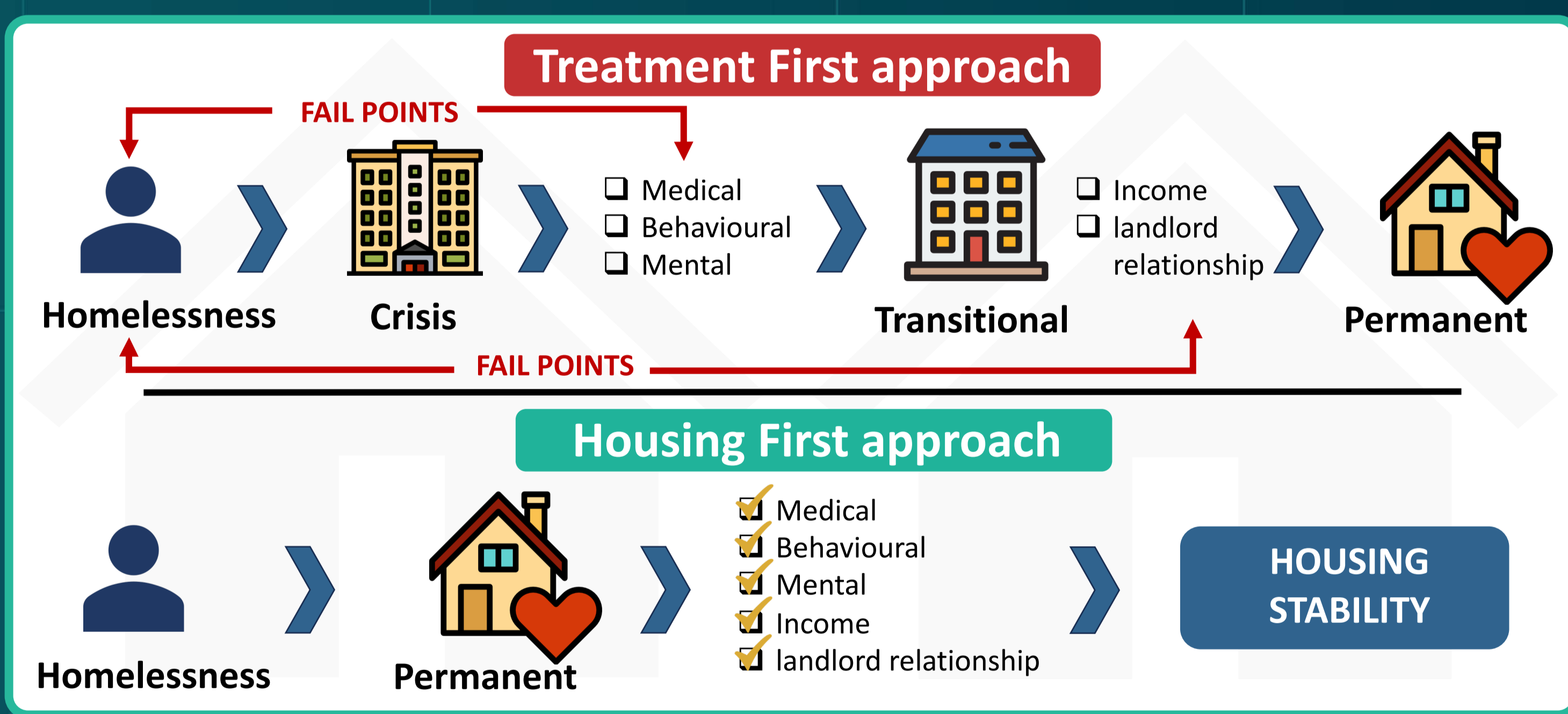


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What is Housing First?

- Recovery-oriented approach to ending homelessness
- Immediate access to permanent housing
- Person-centric, wrap-around support for as long as required
- Engagement with support services is not a prerequisite for housing
- Unlike the conventional Treatment First approach, Housing First sees everyone as “housing ready”



Housing First principles

- There is no “one size fits all” approach to Housing First
- Must be adaptable to local conditions & cultural contexts
- Address cohort needs while maintaining fidelity to the core Housing First principles.

1. Housing is a human right	2. Separation of housing & treatment	3. Flexible support for as long as required	4. Choice & control for service users
5. Client-centred support without coercion	6. Social & community inclusion	7. Recovery orientation	8. Harm reduction

Why use a Housing First approach?

- High housing sustainment rates of 60-90%
- Improved health, well-being & social outcomes
- Reduced cases of hospitalisation & ER visits
- Reduced involvement with criminal justice system
- More cost-effective compared to ‘treatment first’ approach

Case study: Y-Foundation, Finland

Key Features:

- 17,000+ mixed-tenure dwellings
- Houses 12,000+ formerly homeless individuals
- 40% of homes for individuals with high & complex needs
- 60% affordable rental homes
- Green construction & sustainable design
- 100% carbon-neutral by 2035



Financial details:

- Blended funding model
- 40-year government-backed soft loans
- Investment grants
- Reinvestment of surplus capital
- Rental income covers operating costs, servicing loans & housing maintenance



Policy implications

Cross-government intervention is required to facilitate the success of Housing First in Australia, including:

- Increasing the quantity & quality of affordable & social housing
- Reviewing social housing regulation & eligibility requirements
- Increased support & resources for homelessness service providers to:
 - Expand early intervention practices
 - Identify and connect people experiencing homelessness to appropriate Housing First programs & wrap around support services



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