**Breakout Group: Housing Crisis Strategies**

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**NCGH OPPORTUNITIES:**
- Identifying vulnerable families further “upstream” from homelessness can prevent trauma for families and reduce program costs associated with stabilizing housing and family well-being.
- Preserving existing affordable housing in Dudley (as compared to citywide) and creating more housing affordable to families with low incomes in the neighborhood can ensure neighborhood and school stability for vulnerable families in Dudley.
- Expanding subsidized housing waitlist priority status for families that are doubled-up (in addition to families in shelter) can enhance NCGH’s ability to serve this particularly vulnerable subset of housing insecure families in Dudley.

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**
1. Why does this opportunity matter for NCGH’s larger success? In a relative sense, how important is it and why?
2. What is needed to take advantage of this opportunity to make it a reality?
3. What could you and/or your organization provide (e.g. information, access, resources) to leverage this opportunity?
4. What else is needed? Are there other key stakeholders to reach?