

Racial and Ethnic Diversity Perspective on College Student's Housing and Student Success

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Moderator Biography

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Speaker Biography: Michelle Bullis

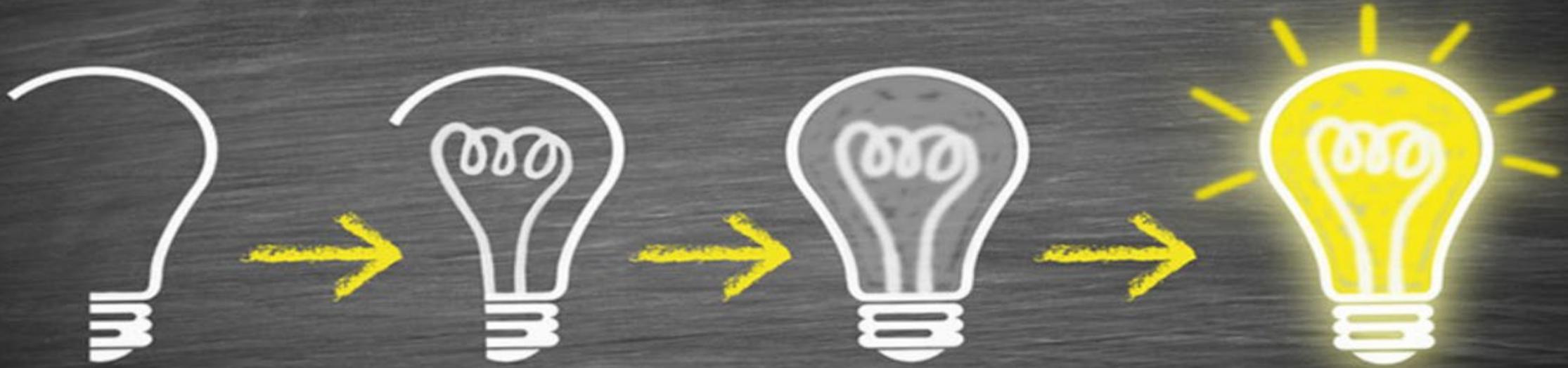
Michelle Bullis is a graduate of Brescia University and licensed Social Worker Michelle has nearly 20 years of experience working and advocating for individuals, youth and families. With a background in adolescent mental health, family crisis intervention, substance use and community-based services for youth and young adults. She is an experienced Social Worker with a demonstrated history of working in the individual, adolescent, and family services industry both as a direct service provider and program coordinator. The foundation believes that when youth are given supports, opportunities, and a safe place their potential for success is unlimited drives her passion for youth and young adult work. Michelle has worked in the Northern Kentucky Community at Brighton Center for the past 15 years, currently serving as the Senior Coordinator for Brighton Center Youth Services Department, overseeing several youth programs including Youth Leadership Development, Street Outreach and Opportunity House.



Speaker Biography: Talia Frye

Talia Frye is Vice President at Brighton Center which is a private non-profit community-based organization providing a uniquely comprehensive range of programs and services to achieve its mission of creating opportunities for families to reach self-sufficiency in the Greater Cincinnati region. Talia has over 19 years of experience in building pathways to economic prosperity for individuals, families, and youth through Workforce Development, Family Development, and Youth Development. This has included the development and/or advancement of best practice models such as the Center for Employment Training, Family Development, Family-Centered Coaching, and Financial Opportunity Center. Talia has worked to create a service continuum for families that builds on strengths and offers a pathway out of poverty, in order for them to reach their hopes and dreams. Talia is a proud alumna of Northern Kentucky University.





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Mission & Vision

Our Mission

To create opportunities for individuals and families to reach self-sufficiency through support services, education, employment, and leadership.

To us, self-sufficiency is taking responsibility to provide for yourself and your family using available resources to maintain the best quality of life possible.



Our Vision

To be an innovative leader that strengthens the vitality of the community and engages people as they work to achieve their hopes and dreams.



Student Housing Insecurity



Data Tells A Story

- 1 in 10 Young Adults (Ages 18-25) are homeless
- Of those, 1 in 5 is couch surfing
- 46% of college student respondents reported being housing insecure over the last year (Hope Center)

LGBTQ+

- Service providers report that 33% of young adults served are LGBTQ+
- Of those 33% - 16% are Black LGBTQ+

Systems

- You are 29% more likely to be homeless between the ages of 18-25 if you have ever been in Foster Care
- You are 46% more likely to be homeless between the ages of 18-25 if you have ever been in a Detention Center as a youth

Homeless College Students

- 28% American Indian & Alaskan Native
- 23% Pacific Islander or Native Hawaiian
- 20% Black

Community Housing System of Care



Financial Assistance

Homelessness Prevention

Shelter Diversion

Emergency Shelters

Transitional Housing

Rapid Re Housing

Subsidized Housing

Permanent Housing

Experiencing Housing Instability

Experiencing Homelessness

Housing Supports & Assistance

Addressing Root Causes of Student Housing Insecurity

SYMPTOMS

Couch Surfing

Not prepared for housing
Anxiety

Eviction

Difficulty finding affordable housing

Strained family relationships

ROOT CAUSES

Housing instability

Racism

Confusing systems of care

Ageism

Gentrification

Limited housing stock





Brighton Center: Community Assessment



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OPPORTUNITY HOUSE

- Opportunity House is an innovative initiative in Northern Kentucky to develop post-secondary educational opportunities and stabilize housing for Opportunity Youth with a planned opening in Fall of 2022.
- Opportunity House will provide a supportive environment to young adults to reach their educational and career goals for those who traditionally experienced barriers to completing education beyond high school.
- The goal of Opportunity House will be to reduce the challenges young adults face, including housing ultimately leading to educational success, employment, and self-sufficiency.





- Must be pursuing, or accepted, or enrolled (at least part-time) at an approved or accredited post-secondary institution
 - certificate program, two-year certificate or degree program, or undergraduate degree
- Must be unmarried without children
- Maintain a 2.0 GPA
- Already have a High School Diploma, GED, or a Senior in High School on track to graduate
- At least 18 years of age, and up to 24 at the time of enrollment
- Obtain and maintain part-time employment Regularly attend life skills workshops and meetings with a Case Manager
- Must meet income eligibility for Section 8 housing and not have a Felony conviction
- Complete full program application and interview process

PERSONAL SUPPORT & QUALITY HOUSING

Support:

- Support services to connect you to resources
- Mentoring
- Individual goal planning
- Financial Coaching - budgeting, savings, taxes, credit and more
- Supportive community of peers
- Resident Council
- Recreational and volunteer opportunities
- Connections to mental and physical health services
- On-Site Workshops

Housing:

- New state of the art facility
- Safe and secure building
- 15 efficiency and 1 one-bedroom single-occupancy apartments with individual bathrooms and kitchenettes Common areas, full kitchen, laundry, storage, and meeting rooms
- Must meet income eligibility for supportive housing and not have a felony conviction
- Rent is based on income
- Close to restaurants, stores, entertainment, and recreation

How to Apply

- Visit brightoncenter.com/opportunityhouse
- In-Person: 13 East 20th Street
Covington, KY 41014

More Information:



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Q/A/Discussion

Thank you for your participation!
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