



## LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY RESEARCH PARTNERSHIP

Since 2010, the Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino (HACSB) has partnered with Loma Linda University (LLU) for third-party research and evaluation of our Moving to Work (MTW) initiatives. The LLU School of Behavioral Health has conducted eight nationally recognized research studies and needs assessments of six HACSB initiatives, helping to inform policy and shape program design.

This program
restored a sense of
independence and gave
me the opportunity to see
myself as capable and
worthy again.

-Anonymous participant

## EVALUATING THE HACSB TERM-LIMITED LEASE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

HACSB Term-Limited Lease Assistance (TLA) initiative offers five years of housing assistance coupled with services to assist families on their path to self-sufficiency. Since 2012, LLU spearheads longitudinal research of current TLA families and, since 2017, post-assistance research of former TLA families for up to two years after they exit housing assistance. These research endeavors are notable for their duration, unique areas of study, and size.

The longitudinal study of the TLA program began in 2012 and is LLU's longest running evaluation of a HACSB MTW initiative and reports the following outcomes:

Over 2,000 families to date

Post-assistance research of the TLA program began in 2017 and provides insight into what happens after families leave the TLA program:

12.5%

in education

levels.

4.5% of exited families report having purchased a home.

26.5%

in employment

status for families

that participate for

the full five years.

7.2% are staying with a friend or relative, and the majority of exited families report that they are renting their current residence.



**78.6%** 

in earned income from year 1 to year 5 in the Term-Limited Lease Assistance program.

145% increase



**71%** Employment gains were retained even two years after leaving assisted housing, with 71% of families employed full-time.

in annual

income.