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RUN Leader Daphne Lamb-Perilliat Helps Us Understand Consideration and Compassion Behind AB 328

Daphne, who has an extensive background in mental health services, had worked with people who had been incarcerated between 17 to 25 years. Working with the prison chaplain, her organization connected those leaving the facility with basic services and temporary housing. She would often see someone released from prison dressed in paper coveralls with literally nowhere to go. Without an advocate or an organization to shepherd their return to the community upon release, many were left bewildered about their next steps such as how to secure shelter, food, or clothes. Lacking a social security card, identification card, or birth certificate, many didn't know where to begin procuring essential documentation.

Securing housing for them was among their tougher challenges. By using vouchers, her organization could find them a hotel room or temporary room and board but this came without re-entry services or any structured guidance toward re-entering society. Without stable housing, employment, and guidance, they often lacked a viable pathway to stability. Sadly, many cannot return to their communities because it could place them in circumstances that could lead to recidivism, making supportive services even more essential to their success.

Daphne supports Assembly Bill 328 because she knows that creating a path to stability starts with a secure place to call home. She says, "Providing a home meets a basic human need. It provides a foundation where people can begin to rebuild their lives, find a job, and have a decent living." She wants the state to earmark funds to provide affordable, supportive housing enabling parolees to forge a new life for themselves and their children.

More about Daphne

Daphne was drawn to advocacy when she started working with East Bay Housing Organizations (EBHO) in 2016. Participating in RUN training sessions and the annual Lobby Day, she wanted to play a bigger role in helping to move state legislation that could realize solutions on a much larger scale. Seeing people experiencing homelessness, she sees the creation of more affordable housing as an essential part of the solution. She comments, "California has the resources. It's just how they're allocated and prioritized....It happens through laws which is why, at RUN, we work on policies. To be in RUN is to have a voice in politics and push for solutions we know will work."