



NYC Moving On Initiative

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Overview of Moving On Initiative

- **Concept**

- Providing Section 8 vouchers to tenants interested & ready to move out of supportive housing
- Freeing up SH units for chronically homeless individuals

- **Dates**

- 2/07 - 2/09

- **Parameters**

- Open to all DHS funded supportive housing providers
- Must be voluntary for tenants
- \$2,000 per placement/backfill

Overview of Moving On Initiative (cont.)

- **Process**

- Providers recruit & select tenants
- DHS does initial screening followed by NYCHA interview
- Providers assist tenants in getting voucher, housing, linkages to new community & HRA one-shot

- **Tenant Criteria**

- Must demonstrate ability to pay rent & live independently
- Lived in SH > 1 year at time of application
- No history of disruptive behavior or rent arrears for one year prior
- Must meet NYCHA Section 8 eligibility criteria

Participants

- **57 eligible providers**
 - 36 participated (63%)*
- **115 eligible buildings**
 - 56 participated (49%)
- **Participating Building Statistics**
 - Median: 10
 - Mean: 20
 - Min: 1
 - Max: 102

** 5 non-DHS funded providers also participated*

MOI Results

- **High Demand**
 - 1,118 tenants applied
- **Good Acceptance Rate**
 - 652 tenants were accepted (58%)
- **Low Moving On Rate**
 - 209 moved on (19%)
- **Disproportionate Participation**
 - Top 20% had most (55%) of the applications & most (52%) of the successful placements

Reasons for Non-Placement

189 Rejected

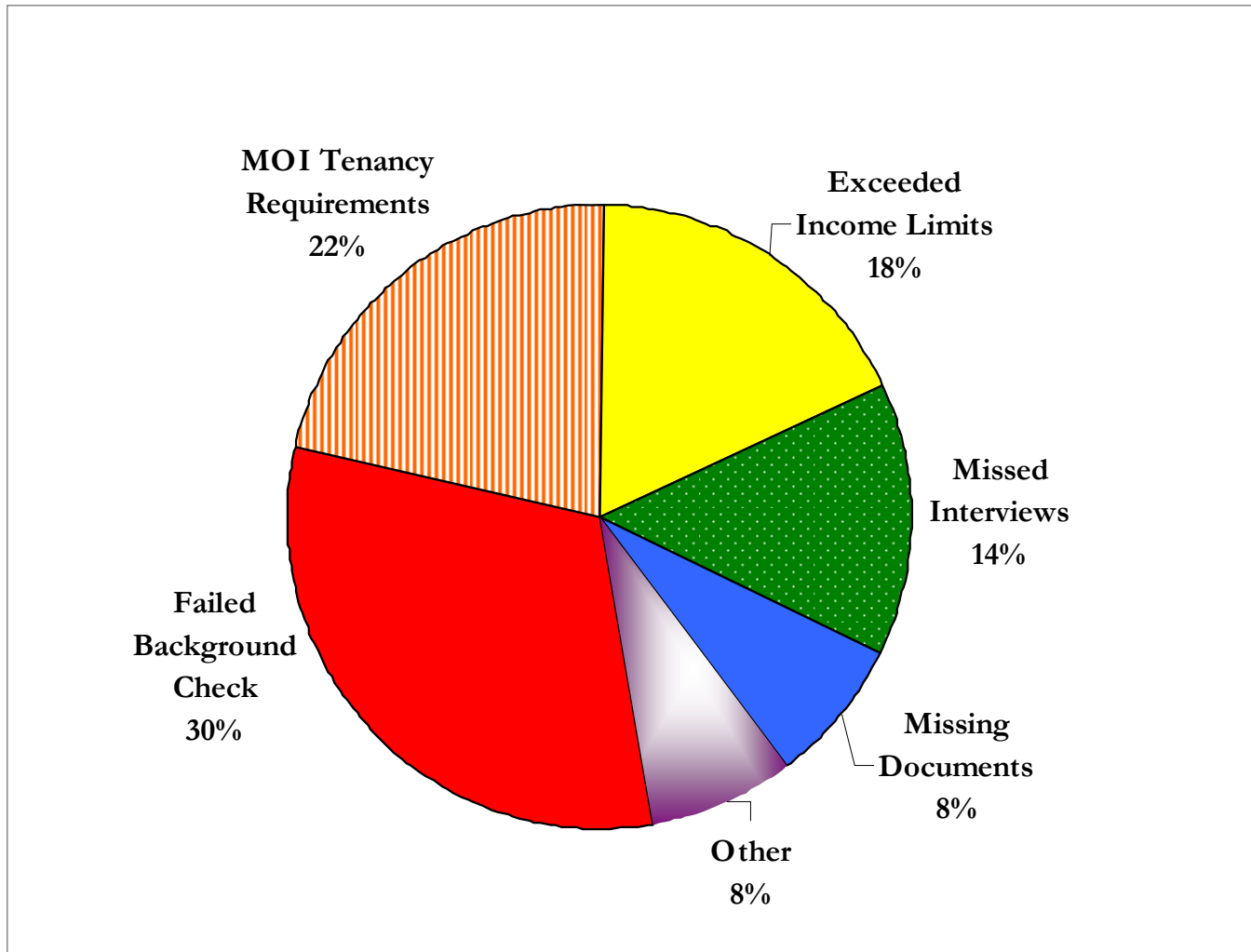
216 In process at time initiative ended

61 Certified but never received voucher

443 Received voucher but didn't move

909 Total Non-Placements

Reasons for Rejection



Other Barriers to Successful Move Out

- **Lack of housing placement resources**
- **Landlord reluctance**
- **Lack of accessible apartments**
- **Tenant opting not to move**
 - Housing options less attractive
 - Concern over losing services
 - Concern over losing community

Questions for Discussion

- **Was the Moving On Initiative a success?**
- **What could be improved?**
- **What could/should we do moving forward?**