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Ending homelessness and creating healthy communities

CHRYSALIS PROJECT

2014 Annual Report

Homeless individuals and families often face multiple burdens such as unstable living situations, inadequate inter-personal skills, and poor support networks. Research has demonstrated that housing linked with services is the only strategy that is successful in reducing homelessness. The **Chrysalis Project** is designed to meet the transitional housing and developmental needs of homeless families, their children, and single women, parents, and their children. The project involves five elements: extended shelter and supportive case management services; comprehensive assessment of strengths, resources, and needs and development of a guest-driven, applicable plan for services and programming; practical onsite educational opportunities for guests; frequent reinforcement of newly learned positive behavior; and referral and linkage to community-based services and supports. The goal is to decrease homelessness, improve individual functioning, and enhance community-based support networks of participants.

PARTICIPANT DEMOGRAPHICS

The population served in the Chrysalis Program is homeless families, their children, and homeless single women. All individuals entered the program from extremely low-income backgrounds with inadequate resources to secure housing.

In 2014, a total of 39 families were served by the Chrysalis Project. These households included a total of 45 adults and 81 children. There were 31 new families and 30 family discharges this year.

The Chrysalis Project also served 44 single women during 2014. There were 29 new singles and 36 discharges.

54% of clients stayed with the program for between one and six months. 20% stayed less than one month, and 19% stayed more than six months.

Demographically, 62% of the new intakes were African-American, 26% were White, 3% were American Indian, 2% were Asian, and 8% identified as multi-racial. 12% identified their ethnicity as Hispanic or Latino. Issues other than homelessness faced by the new intakes include Mental Illness (26%), Physical Disabilities (24%), Developmental Disabilities (8%) and Drug or Alcohol Abuse (5%). 31% were victims of Domestic Violence. Many of these clients faced multiple issues simultaneously.

PROGRAM GOALS, INDICATORS AND RESULTS

Program Goals, Indicators and Outcomes

The Chrysalis Project offers immediate and interim services and programming with the intention of promoting long-term change in participants, measured as follows:

GOAL 1: TO INCREASE RESIDENTIAL STABILITY FOR PARTICIPANTS.

Indicator: *60% of the participants who enroll in the Chrysalis Project will successfully obtain permanent housing upon exit.*

Results: 75% of the participants have successfully obtained permanent housing in The community upon discharge from Hope House during the first half of 2014.

GOAL 2: TO INCREASE EMPLOYMENT INCOME FOR PARTICIPANTS

Indicator: *20% of the adult Chrysalis Project participants will secure employment upon exiting the program.*

Results: 33% of the participants have successfully obtained employment upon exiting the program.

GOAL 3: TO INCREASE GREATER SELF-DETERMINATION FOR PARTICIPANTS.

Indicator: *Adults that complete the Chrysalis program will receive supportive services that prepare them for employment or housing.*

Results: 100% of program participants received supportive services during their stay.