

LHOT: Erie Housing Options Team

PROGRAM OR ACTIVITY: Fairweather Lodge

AREA COVERED: Erie County

GOAL/PURPOSE: To create long-term permanent supportive housing for people with psychiatric disabilities. To provide supportive services using the nationally recognized model of Fairweather Lodge, which focuses upon peer governance, empowerment, peer support and employment.

PARTNERS IN THE PROGRAM:

- Stairways Behavioral Health
- Erie Housing Options Team
- Erie County Department of Human Services
- Erie Housing Authority

FUNDING SOURCES:

HUD McKinney SHP- Permanent Housing for Persons with Disabilities
Erie County Housing Trust Fund
Erie Community Foundation
Erie County Brownfields Fund
Stairways Behavioral Health
Erie County Department of Human Services
Erie Housing Authority- Housing Choice Vouchers

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

- Affordable alternative to rooming houses, efficiency apartments, CRRs and Personal Care Homes
- Lodges are spacious, well decorated and homey, with private bedrooms
- The model is cost-effective since rent, utilities, groceries and transportation are shared by five to eight residents
- Lodge membership guarantees access to employment

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LHOT: Dauphin County Local Housing Option Team (LHOT)

PROGRAM OR ACTIVITY: Concepts for Housing With Care

GEOGRAPHIC AREA COVERED: Dauphin County & Harrisburg City

PROGRAM GOAL/PURPOSE: To develop safe, affordable independent housing options for people w/mental disabilities that also provides in-home & community-based supportive services

PARTNERS IN THE PROGRAM:

- Aurora Club
- CMU (Case Management Unit)
- Community Behavioral HealthCare
- Network of PA (CBHNP)
- Dauphin County Crisis Intervention
- Harrisburg Housing Authority
- Dauphin County Housing Authority
- Keystone ICM
- Keystone Supportive Living
- Northwestern Human Services
Community Treatment Team

FUNDING SOURCES FOR THE PROGRAM OR ACTIVITY:

HUD Shelter Plus Care

Housing Authority - Housing Choice & Project Access Vouchers

CBHNP - Intensive Case Management, Community Treatment Team, Crisis Intervention
Dauphin County MH/MR

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

- Project combines housing choice vouchers w/an array of services
- 45 vouchers in Harrisburg, 70 in Dauphin County
- 20 receiving services through "Concepts for Housing w/Care"
- MH/MR supports including:emergency & transitional MH housing and emergency housing funds, rep payee, person-centered planning and training for person-centered planning,consumer & service provider coordination & planning meetings
Supportive Living, ICM, CTT, Crisis Intervention & social rehabilitation

OTHER INFORMATION/OUTCOMES:

- Dauphin Co. MH/MR & CBHNP (funding agencies) are tracking & developing outcome measures & studies
- Developed landlord communication protocol w/MH providers, LHOT, housing authority staff

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LHOT: Dauphin County Local Housing Options Team (LHOT)

PROGRAM OR ACTIVITY: Housing Needs Assessment

AREA COVERED: Dauphin County

PROGRAM GOAL/PURPOSE: To identify housing needs of consumers w/ disabilities:

1. For development of future housing strategies & options
2. To demonstrate need to decision makers & funders
3. To present profile of housing needs for Dauphin Co. Consolidated & Comprehensive Plans

PARTNERS IN THE PROGRAM:

- Housing Authority of the County of Dauphin
- Dauphin Co. Mental Health & Mental Retardation
- Dauphin Co. Case Management
- Center for Independent Living of Central PA
- Keystone Services, Inc.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

- Developed 24 question survey to determine:
 - *Affordability* of housing for consumers
 - *Adequacy* of consumer's housing
 - *Availability* of subsidized housing opportunities
- Surveyed 10 % of consumers receiving services from Dauphin Co. MH/MR
- Case managers assisted consumers in completing surveys
- Retired professor assisted w/data collection & analysis
- Survey results supported request for CDBG funds for an LHOT Coordinator

OTHER INFORMATION/OUTCOMES:

- Survey results included in the Dauphin Co. Consolidated Plan
 - 68 % of respondents had monthly housing expenses in excess of 30% of income
 - 34% had a severe rental burden, exceeding 50% of monthly income
 - 39% living in substandard conditions
 - 41% had applied for subsidized housing (public housing & Section 8)
- Results also used for planning future projects

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LHOT: Delaware County Local Housing Option Team (LHOT)

PROGRAM OR ACTIVITY: Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV) Set-Aside

AREA: Delaware County

PROGRAM GOAL/PURPOSE: To provide HCV & supportive services to people w/disabilities

PARTNERS IN THE PROGRAM:

- Chester Community Improvement Project (CCIP)
- Community Action Agency of Delaware County
- Delaware Co. Department of Human Services/Office of Behavioral Health
- Delaware Co. Department of Human Services/Office of Mental Retardation
- Delaware Co. Housing Authority
- Delaware Co. Office of Housing & Community Development (OHCD)
- Delaware Co. Services for the Aging
- Fair Housing Council of Suburban Philadelphia Freedom Valley Disability Center
- Liberty Resources
- Residential Living Options, Inc.
- The Arc of Delaware County

FUNDING SOURCES FOR THE PROGRAM OR ACTIVITY:

HCV: Delaware Co. Housing Authority

Supportive Services: Each referring agency's existing funding sources

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

- 11 agencies entered into Memo of Understanding w/Delaware Co. Housing Authority
 - DCHA set-aside HCV for People w/Disabilities
 - Agencies committed services to households referred
- 23 people w/disabilities were awarded HCV
- Each household received case management services from the referring agency
- Referring agencies are responsible for on-going monitoring of residential stability

OTHER INFORMATION/OUTCOMES:

- Due to success of program, LHOT named as sponsor for a Shelter Plus Care Program.
- The Delaware Co. OHCD provided funding to monitor the services required under S+C funding.
- Continuum of Care is considering naming LHOT as sponsor for S+C application to be submitted in 2004.

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LHOT: Montgomery Co. Permanent Housing Options Team (PHOT)

PROGRAM OR ACTIVITY: 626 Co-operative

AREA: Eastern Montgomery County

PROGRAM GOAL/PURPOSE: To provide an opportunity for persons w/ serious & persistent mental illness (SPMI) to obtain long term affordable housing through cooperative ownership.

PARTNERS IN THE PROGRAM:

- Salisbury House of Southeast PA, dba Milestones, Inc.
- 626 Co-op residents

FUNDING SOURCES:

Montgomery County MH/MR
Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency (PHFA)

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

- Residents make up the Board of Directors & are the decision makers working together to run their household
 - 9 persons served in a single detached home
 - Three levels of privacy are provided:
 - 1st level - Individual bedrooms
 - 2nd level - Common living area for three attached bedrooms
 - 3rd level- Common areas for all 9 residents (LR,DR, & kitchen)
 - Licensed as Personal Care Home
 - 24-hour, 7-day-a-week staffing for persons w/SPMI
 - Instruction by staff & outside trainers on Co-op ownership and management

OTHER INTERESTING INFORMATION/OUTCOMES:

Program assists persons w/SPMI to understand the responsibilities of homeownership. All residents were previously living in full or acute care CRR's. Milestones expects that this program will assist in recovery & better equip residents for a successful return to the community.

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LHOT: Montgomery County Permanent Housing Options Team (PHOT)

PROGRAM OR ACTIVITY: Demonstration Housing Project

AREA: Montgomery County

PROGRAM GOAL/PURPOSE:

- To successfully house six to ten persons from targeted populations:
 - Persons w/mental illness ready to move from a CRR
 - Adults w/mental retardation who have aging parents
 - Youth aging out of the Foster Care System
- To test & educate county housing & human service systems
- To replace MH/MR housing dollars w/other resources to expand housing supports

PARTNERS IN THE PROGRAM:

- Montgomery Co. Office of MH
- Montgomery Co. Office of MR
- Montgomery Co. Aging/Adult Servs
- Montgomery Co. Fair Housing Cncl
- Montgomery Co. Housing Authority
- Hedwig House, Inc.
- Montgomery Co., Big Brother/Big Sister
- PHOT Committee
- Mary P. Galbally and Assoc. Consultant

FUNDING SOURCES:

Montgomery Co. Affordable Housing Trust Fund (Act 137 funds)

Montgomery Co. Housing Authority Housing Choice Vouchers Homeownership Program

Rural Housing Services Homeownership Program

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

- Working w/one elderly household w/MR to achieve homeownership
- Using Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) w/Big Brothers Big Sisters providing aftercare for youth aging out of foster care
- Working on pilot of scattered site rental housing w/supportive services
- Conducted workshops for youth (rental applications, landlord interviews, IL)
- Conducted housing training for county service providers
- Working w/the Office of Mental Health to recruit candidates

OTHER INFORMATION/OUTCOMES:

Montgomery Co. agencies have been very flexible about waiving certain guidelines to support households w/special needs

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LHOT: Consortium Housing Committee (serving Clearfield, Jefferson, Cameron, Elk, McKean, Forest/Warren & Potter Counties)

PROGRAM OR ACTIVITY: Muir Street Housing - Warren County, PA

GEOGRAPHIC AREA COVERED: Warren County

PROGRAM GOAL/PURPOSE: To build & maintain an 8-unit apartment building to provide permanent housing to single adults with a mental health diagnosis

PARTNERS IN THE PROGRAM:

- Forest/Warren Counties Economic Opportunity Council, Warren, PA
- Housing & Neighborhood Development (HANDS), Erie, PA
- Northwest Human Development, Warren, PA

FUNDING SOURCES FOR THE PROGRAM OR ACTIVITY:

HUD Section 811

PA Department of Community & Economic Development

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

- 8 one-bedroom units
- Modular Construction
- Collaborative effort between HANDS & Forest/Warren Counties Economic Opportunity Council
- Supportive Living Services will be provided by Northwest Human Development
- Consumers attended 4 planning meetings & are very enthusiastic about the housing
- Construction begins April 2004 w/occupancy expected by October 2004

OTHER INTERESTING INFORMATION/OUTCOMES:

- Program addresses severe lack of affordable housing in Warren County
- The site had to be changed: the first site did not pass environmental review
- The second site had NIMBY issues & the City refused to be grantee for funding for site improvements
- The County Commissioners approved additional funding

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LHOT: Consortium Housing Committee (serving Clearfield, Jefferson, Cameron, Elk, McKean, Forest/Warren & Potter Counties)

PROGRAM OR ACTIVITY: Shelter Plus Care Program

AREA: Clearfield, Jefferson, Cameron, Elk & McKean Counties, PA

PROGRAM GOAL/PURPOSE: To provide safe affordable permanent housing w/supports for homeless individuals & families w/mental health diagnosis

PARTNERS IN THE PROGRAM:

- DuBois Housing Authority
- Clearfield-Jefferson MH/MR Program
- Cameron, Elk, McKean MH/MR Program
- Consortium Housing Committee

FUNDING SOURCES FOR THE PROGRAM OR ACTIVITY:

HUD McKinney-Vento Shelter Plus Care funds

Leverage supportive services provided by many community agencies

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

- Received 4 Shelter Plus Care Grants (S+C) for a total of 57 vouchers
51 for 1 bedroom units
6 for 2 bedroom family units
- Referrals made by county mental health case managers
- Local landlords provide housing in the consumer's community of choice
- Community agencies provide Independent Living services
- Follows "Housing First" model

OTHER INFORMATION/OUTCOMES:

S+C grants overleased since beginning of program. Approximately 276 persons have been served

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