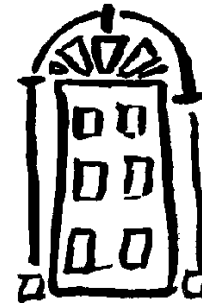
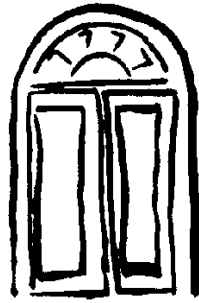


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Community Follow-up Program

Permanent Supportive Housing
and Housing & Supportive Housing Services
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Permanent Supportive Housing

Funding Sources:

- HUD – through Nassau and Suffolk Continuums of Care
- HOPWA – through Islip Community Development Agency
- HHAP – through NYS OTADA

Eligibility Criteria:

- AIDS or HIV related illness;
- Very low-income;
- Homeless or inappropriately housed;
- Ability to live independently.

Homeless

- HUD definition: someone who is living on the street or in an emergency shelter, or who is in transitional housing for homeless persons who originally came from the streets or a shelter (HUD funded sites);
- HHAP definition: a person who is unable to secure permanent housing without special assistance.

Permanent Housing

- Supportive Housing with housing related services.
 - Home Visits
 - Monthly Safety Inspections
 - Crisis intervention
 - Case management/coordination
 - Advocacy/support

Permanent Housing

- Independent scattered sites throughout Nassau and Suffolk Counties.
- Single and two-family sites.
- Additional Case management services (i.e. COBRA CMCM) offered, but not required.
- Rent is based on income and entitlements.
- Residents live there permanently if compliant with Residency Agreement and continue to meet eligibility criteria (i.e. family vs. single units; family member with HIV remains in unit).

What case managers should know about housing residences:

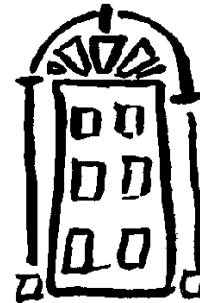
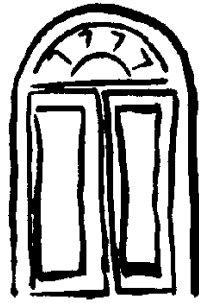
Be aware of rules (i.e. pay rent, no substance abuse)

Communicate with housing staff regarding current issues (i.e. rent paid, excessive visitors, etc.)

Work with housing CM to develop and implement service plan

Team – a “united front” – working together to support client/family.

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**Housing & Supportive Housing
Services**

for persons with HIV/AIDS

Housing & Supportive Housing Services

Funding Source:

NYS Department of Health, AIDS Institute, State funds. [Similar to federal Ryan White Title II funds.]

Eligibility Criteria:

HIV+; Very low-income; homeless or inappropriately housed.

Inappropriately Housed

Someone who is:

- being evicted within a week from a private dwelling, or
- is fleeing a domestic violence situation, or
- is doubled up in another person's residence, or
- resides in a place unfit for human habitation.

HOUSING ASSISTANCE

- Housing Placement Assistance and Referral
- Non-Intensive (Supportive) Case Management
- Independent Living Skills Development
- Financial Assistance

Housing Placement Assistance and Referral

Purpose:

- To improve coordination and timeliness of housing placement services and to serve as a central point of contact in the region.
- To locate and place clients in appropriate, permanent housing.
- To promote clients' housing retention and stability.

Housing Placement Assistance and Referral Activities

- Outreach in Nassau & Suffolk Counties
 - Information and referral for consumers and providers regarding HIV/housing services
- Assessment of Housing Needs
- Advocacy and information

Housing Placement Assistance and Referral Activities (con't)

- Housing Search Assistance
 - Bi-Weekly housing lists compiled from multiple sources
 - Assistance locating housing: by phone, in person or in the community
- Housing Placement Assistance
- Follow-up

Non-Intensive (Supportive) Case Management

- To promote and support independent functioning for consumers living with HIV.
- To meet the immediate health and psychosocial needs of consumers at their level of readiness to restore or sustain stability.
- To promote each consumer's active participation in his/her medical and psychological care and to promote the voluntary use of supportive services as needed.

Independent Living Skills Development

- To maximize self-sufficiency for consumers with HIV/AIDS
- Provision of services to improve activities of daily living such as:
 - Budgeting
 - Parenting
 - Decision making/problem solving
 - Housing unit maintenance
- Peer support meetings
- Transportation Assistance & Food vouchers

Financial Assistance

Purpose:

- To improve consumers ability to obtain and maintain safe, appropriate, affordable housing;
- To increase the number of consumers who can remain in appropriate housing;
- To improve consumers ability to access and/or maintain medical care;
- To increase consumers ability to live independently;
- To prevent eviction and utility shut-off.

Financial Assistance (con't)

Funds are to be used as dollars of last resort.

Assistance is One-time Only

Financial Assistance (con't)

- One-time Only Assistance
 - Broker's Fees
 - First Month Rent
 - Utility Assistance
 - Refundable Security Deposits
 - Minor Renovations
 - Moving Expenses

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