

AtlantiCare Health Services

2009 Bacharach Boulevard
Atlantic City, NJ 08401
Phone: (609) 345-5517
Fax: (609) 345-8149
Email: mary.hunt@atlanticare.org



Director: George Lynn, MBA
HCH Coordinator: Mary Hunt, MSW, LCSW
Medical Director: Jim Manlandro, MD

UDS Number: 027710

Project Description

AtlantiCare Health Services Health Care for the Homeless project provides primary health care and substance abuse, mental health and outreach services, within a case management framework for persons who are homeless in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Services

The Health Care for the Homeless project is located at the Atlantic City Rescue Mission. The project provides primary health care through a medical director, advanced practice nurse, registered nurse, and medical assistant. Drug abuse assessment and treatment and mental health services are provided by a master's level therapist.

Linkages

The Atlantic County Department of Human Services provides transportation for individuals who are homeless and served by the HCH project. Vaccines for immunizations are provided by the Atlantic City Health Department. Jewish Family Services, which provides PATH services, coordinates outreach activities with the project outreach staff. The Atlantic City Medical Center provides hospital care.

Statistics

Estimated homeless population: 3,318 Project users: 3,250

Subcontractor(s):

Atlantic City Rescue Mission
2009 Bacharach Boulevard
Atlantic City, NJ 08401
Contact: Bill Southery
Phone: (609) 345-5517
Fax: (609) 345-8149

Henry J. Austin Health Center, Inc./Health Care for the Homeless Program

Administrative Office:

371 North Warren Street
Trenton, NJ 08618

Phone: (609) 278-5900

Fax: (609) 695-3532

Email: nelsonx.cruz@henryjaustin.org

HCH Clinic:

72 Ewing Street
Trenton, NJ 08609

Phone: (609) 396-9600

Fax: (609) 392-6453

Director: Nelson Xavier Cruz, MS, MBA, JD

HCH Coordinator: Ann Hashagen, NP-C

Medical Director: Eric Schwartz, MD, MBA

UDS Number: 020070



Project Description

Henry J. Austin Health Center has operated the Health Care for the Homeless Program at the Rescue Mission of Trenton, the city's largest shelter for men and women, since 1988. The HCH program offers displaced men, women and children the opportunity to obtain health care, substance abuse prevention, counseling and support services, regardless of their income or circumstances of life. In the summer of 1993, collaboration and support from the Rescue Mission, the NJ Department of Community Affairs, the NJ Department of Health, the city of Trenton, and the US Department of Health and Human Services/Public Health Services resulted in the development of a newly renovated facility for the homeless program directly across from the Rescue Mission. This facility has four examination rooms, a laboratory area, a multi-purpose room for support groups, and staff office space.

Services

Services provided include medical care, podiatry, nutrition, social service, case management, substance abuse counseling, health promotion and disease prevention, health education activities, outreach activities, and referrals for mental health and other services not provided onsite. Priority needs include substance abuse counseling, treatment and prevention, STD and TB treatment and prevention, mental health services, and HIV counseling, testing, and case management. Outreach activities include weekly and/or monthly visits to community based agencies serving the individuals who are homeless. Activities include medical screening, education, social service intervention, and drug and alcohol assessments.

Linkages

The HCH Program works in cooperation with the Mayor's Task Force on Homelessness, Mayor's Health Summit, Rescue Mission of Trenton and TEDCO (shelters), Greater Trenton Community Mental Health Center, Trenton Detoxification Center, Trenton Area Soup Kitchen, Salvation Army, Escher Street SRO, and other community-based agencies.

Statistics

Estimated homeless population: 3,000 Project users: 1,402

Subcontractor(s):

Lawrence Levine, Podiatrist

1420 Brace Road
Cherry Hill, NJ 08034
Phone: (609) 795-1003
Fax: (609) 795-5994

Jersey City Family Health Center / Medical and Social Services for the Homeless

114 Clifton Place, 2nd Floor
Jersey City, NJ 07304
Phone: (201) 434-1316
Fax: (201) 434-2087



Director: Larry McReynolds
HCH Coordinator: Henrietta Johnson, RN, MS
Medical Director: Patrick Beaty, MD
UDS Number: 024520

Project Description

The Medical and Social Services for the Homeless (MASSH) program provides primary care and support services at 23 sites throughout Hudson County and provides outreach at 57 locations. MASSH uses a team approach with a multi-disciplinary staff of 10.0 FTE providers.

Services

MASSH provides primary health care, outreach, outpatient, substance abuse support five times per week, diabetic/hypertension screening, health counseling, HIV antibodies testing, and mental health services for individuals and families who are homeless throughout Hudson County. The MASSH team provides a full range of services at shelters, the MASSH office, and on the streets. The team consists of doctors, nurses, nurse practitioners, peer counselors, outreach workers, clerical staff, substance abuse counselors, social workers, mental health workers, and a van driver. The MASSH outreach team visits areas each weekday (morning, afternoon, and evening) to initiate contact and develop trust. The outreach locations are determined by a community needs assessment. MASSH is sensitive to all clients regardless of race, age, gender, or creed. The focus of MASSH is primarily on clients who need mental health services, outpatient substance abuse treatment, and HIV treatment. MASSH also provides crisis counseling to help individuals deal with the effects of the World Trade Center disaster. MASSH is a culturally sensitive agency that addresses continuum of care needs to help clients transition out of street life.

Linkages

MASSH has arranged for dental, podiatric, and ophthalmologic services for clients with no ability to pay. Costs for services provided by private practitioners or the Family Health Center are reimbursed by MASSH. Twenty-four hour emergency medical and psychiatric services are available to all people who are homeless through the Jersey City Medical Center emergency services. In addition, MASSH has agreements with various homeless providers, including shelter providers, mental health centers, substance abuse programs, and entitlement agencies.

Statistics

Estimated homeless population: 3,871 Project users: 3,124

Subcontractor(s):

Health Care Pharmacy
103 Summit Avenue
Jersey City, NJ 07304
Contact: Marlo Schuhaltor
Phone: (201) 333-6968
Fax: (201) 333-6883

Newark Homeless Health Care Project

110 William Street, Suite 202
Newark, NJ 07102
Phone: (973) 733-5300
Fax: (973) 733-4328
Email: jordanf@ci.newark.nj.us



Director: Marcia McGowan
HCH Coordinator: Frank G. Jordan, MSW
Medical Director: Isaac O'Neal, MD

UDS Number: 020710

Project Description

The Newark Homeless Health Care Project was originally funded in 1985 by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. The project is administered by the City of Newark Department of Health and Human Services under the Division of Community Health. This linkage to the health department provides an array of additional services for individuals experiencing homelessness in Newark.

Services

The project provides health care, social services, and substance abuse and mental health counseling services at various shelters within the City of Newark. Onsite medical services are provided by five medical teams in four shelters and one homeless drop-in center. A special care clinic has been established within the health department specifically for patients who are homeless. Services provided onsite include medical history and screening, blood work, immunizations, prescription assistance, service referrals, and an array of other primary care services. Additional funds have allowed the project to expand medical services to individuals with HIV/AIDS. The HIV/AIDS clinic services are provided in the Newark Homeless Health Care Project's Special Care Clinic located in the central office location. The project serves HIV/AIDS clients comprehensively, including primary medical care, medication assistance, transportation, substance abuse/mental health counseling, and case management.

The project has several outreach initiatives which include an adult immunization team which rotates through 20 additional shelter sites providing free immunizations and service referrals. A social service outreach component is provided at Newark International Airport, the busiest airport in the New York Metropolitan area, providing daily/nightly social services intervention, case management, shelter assistance, transportation, and medical service referrals to individuals who are homeless residing within the airport complex. Newark Homeless Health Care Project also operates an overnight emergency shelter during the winter months providing temporary shelter and late night medical services and referrals.

Linkages

Various preventive, diagnostic, and therapeutic services are obtained through a direct referral system generated onsite. Services include x-rays for diagnosis of chest diseases, substance abuse treatment, and follow-up.

Statistics

Estimated homeless population: 7,000-12,000 Project users: 2,732

Project H.O.P.E.

Our Lady of Lourdes Health Foundation
1600 Haddon Ave.
Camden, NJ 08103
Phone: (856) 635-2475
Fax: (856) 635-2486
Email: deshieldsp@lourdesnet.org



Director: Patricia DeShields, MSW, LSW
Medical Director: Joe Stegmueller, DO

UDS Number: 024480

Project Description

Project H.O.P.E. uses a multifaceted approach to reach people who are homeless, including mobile health outreach, street outreach and primary care clinics. These components are aimed to fill in the gaps in the continuum of services which have been identified through a network of homeless service providers in the city and through Project H.O.P.E.'s nine years of experience. Project H.O.P.E. strives to provide the highest quality of client-centered care to men, women, and children.

Services

Project H.O.P.E. operates two clinics to meet the primary care and social service needs of homeless families and individuals. Bergen Lanning Health Center is Project H.O.P.E.'s "medical home" for the homeless. A satellite clinic is conducted weekly at the Volunteers of America Aletha Wright Shelter/Transitional Living Program. This clinic provides required physicals for residents, as well as infectious disease screening, housing referrals, mental health counseling, case management, and social services. Clients in need of substance abuse services or who are medically fragile are offered transportation assistance by means of bus tickets or by a 12-passenger van. Whatever the entry point for individuals who are homeless, case management and follow-up are ongoing until one year after permanent housing has been obtained. Ongoing case management provides the essential support needed to assist clients in moving through the system of care towards self-sufficiency.

Project H.O.P.E.'s mobile health van travels to Camden City sites providing onsite assessments, primary health care services, screenings, emergency care, TB testing, health care education, drug and alcohol counseling, and employment and housing counseling. The van is staffed by medical and social services personnel who conduct intakes, assess needs, case manage, counsel, and refer clients. Designed to reach the most vulnerable, the Street Outreach component travels to 32 Camden City sites, distributing meals and care packages to people who are homeless. All Project H.O.P.E. staff participate in street outreach, as it plays an integral part in establishing trust and promoting a framework for self-sufficiency and self-determination.

Linkages

Project H.O.P.E. partners with several other agencies in Camden City to provide a continuum of care and smooth transition between services. These agencies include, but are not limited to, Camden Area Health Education, The Bridge, Cathedral Kitchen, Camden County Board of Social Services, Camden County Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Veterans Affairs, Food Bank of South Jersey, Homelessness Prevention Program, Interfaith Homeless Outreach Council, Leavenhouse, My Brothers Keeper, Neighborhood Center, Inc., New Visions Community Services, South Jersey Behavioral Health Resources, and Volunteers of America, Delaware Valley, Inc.

Statistics

Estimated homeless population: 4,500-6,500 Project users: 1,089