Health Care for the Homeless, Inc.

SERVICES

Health Care for the Homeless (HCH) operates a Joint Commission-accredited health clinic at 111 Park Avenue in downtown Baltimore where we deliver a wide range of services to more than 6,000 people annually. All services are provided without charge. At least 75% of HCH clients are uninsured. Services include:

Comprehensive Medical Care: Our full continuum of care integrates health education, screening, primary medical care for acute and chronic conditions, and referrals for specialty services.

Mental Health Services: We provide mental health triage on a walk-in basis; crisis intervention; assessment and evaluation; individual treatment planning and therapy; treatment adherence; and medication monitoring.

Social Services: Our caseworkers and case managers provide information and referral; emergency assistance with food, shelter, clothing, and transportation; and long-term case management.

Addiction Treatment: HCH operates the only state-certified Outpatient and Intensive Outpatient treatment programs with curriculum designed to address the unique life circumstances of people experiencing homelessness. Services include individual and group counseling; medically-managed addiction therapy; and placement by referral in residential treatment programs.

Community Health Outreach: Our outreach team engages potential clients on the streets, in shelters, soup kitchens, recovery programs, the criminal justice system, and other sites. Outreach workers provide health education and connect individuals to HCH services.

Housing First and Archways Programs: Demonstrating that "housing is health care," these programs help vulnerable individuals access and maintain permanent housing. Intensive services are provided to promote housing stability and individual well being.

Connect and Adherence Projects: These initiatives promote residential and medical stability for vulnerable individuals living with HIV/AIDS, addiction, mental illness, and other chronic illnesses.

Convalescent Care: Known as "home care for people without homes," this program assists medically fragile individuals requiring 24-hour access to shelter and medical care to recover from illness or injury.

Bi-Lingual Services: HCH provides telephonic interpretation services in all languages during normal clinic hours. On Saturdays, volunteer translators are available for Spanish-speaking individuals.

We provide health-related services, education, and advocacy to reduce the incidence and burdens of homelessness.

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HCH Across Maryland...

No longer just a big-city problem, homelessness is increasing in suburban and rural areas where low-income families often struggle to access limited resources spread out over great distances. Headquartered at our 111 Park Avenue health clinic in Baltimore City, HCH funds additional services through "purchase of service" agreements elsewhere in Baltimore and throughout the State.

Baltimore City: In addition to operating our 111 Park Avenue clinic, HCH also funds the Mercy Children’s Health Outreach Project of Mercy Medical Center. Initiated at the University of Maryland in 1992, the project sends nurse practitioners and social workers into family shelters to connect homeless children and their parents to health care and supportive services. MCHOP will move to HCH's new facility in January 2010.

The City of Frederick: Since 1989, HCH has funded the Frederick Community Action Agency to provide services to homeless individuals at their downtown health clinic in an old train station once visited by President Abraham Lincoln.

Montgomery County: Since 1989, HCH has funded a range of health care services for homeless adults and children in Montgomery County. HCH provides a grant to the Primary Care Coalition, which in turn funds Mobile Medical, Inc. and Community Clinic, Inc.

Harford County: Made possible by a 2007 grant from the Federal Bureau of Primary Health Care, HCH established the Northern County Expansion Project to fund services for homeless individuals at the Harford County Health Department in Bel Air and through Upper Chesapeake Health's mobile medical van to shelters throughout the County. Collaborating entities include the County Health Department, Department of Social Services, and Mental Health Care Services Agency.

Baltimore County: Through the Northern County Expansion Project, HCH also funds services at the Baltimore County Eastern Resource Center and Franklin Square Family Health Center in partnership with the County Office of Community Conservation and the County Health Department, Department of Social Services, and Mental Health Care Services Agency.

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