DCA
An Overview of Housing Resources and Point in Time Count
Office of Homeless and Special Needs

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Goals For This Presentation

1) Make everyone here thin;
2) Make everyone here rich;
3) Make everyone here have a 52” vertical jump;
4) Learn about DCA housing programs, the point in time count, and coordinated entry.

These are goals. We will probably accomplish only one of these. **Speaker determines which goal will be obtained.**
Housing Programs

811 Program

$14.4 Million to the State of Georgia to Provide long-term project based rental assistance to persons with disabilities. DCA is implementing this program in partnership with DBHDD.

30 YEARS of funding...500 Vouchers.

- Extremely Low Income – at or below 30% of Area Median Income.
- Ages – 18-61
- Disabled Persons – Olmstead Settlement Eligible. Severe and persistent mental illness.
- Low Income Tax Credit Properties who took “Points” agree to house 811 persons.
Housing Programs

CoC Program (Shelter Plus Care Program)

The purpose of DCA’s Shelter Plus Care (S+C) program is to provide permanent housing in connection with supportive services to homeless people with disabilities and their families. The program provides rental assistance for a variety of housing choices, accompanied by a range of supportive services funded by other sources. The program is designed to serve a population that has been traditionally hard to reach - homeless persons with disabilities such as (but not limited to) serious mental illness, chronic substance abuse, and/or AIDS and related diseases. *Chronically homeless are prioritized.*

- 2,855 households – 3,459 total persons served.
- 100% have a disability. Majority mental illness and substance abuse.
- 35 agencies funded across all 9 Continuums of Care in Georgia.
CoC Program (Supportive Housing Program)

Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) programs provide community-based housing and supportive services, without a predetermined length of stay, to assist homeless persons with a disability to live independently. **Chronically homeless are prioritized.**

- 815 Enrolled in SHP funded programs
- 270 with mental illness
- 114 physical disability
- 60 veterans
Housing Programs

DCA VASH (Veteran’s Affairs Supportive Housing) Vouchers

The VASH program is an inter-agency collaborative effort that helps eligible homeless military veterans secure a decent stable affordable place to live by combining DCA housing choice voucher rental assistance with case management and clinical services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs at its medical centers and in the community. Participants have a disability and contribute 30% of income to housing.
Housing Programs

ESG – EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT

The Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Program provides outreach, shelter, rapid re-housing, homelessness prevention and related services to persons experiencing homelessness, or for persons in danger of becoming homeless, throughout the state. Assistance is provided to members of the community, local government entities and non-profit organizations utilizing State Housing Trust Fund for the Homeless Commission (HTF) and Federal HUD ESG funds. This program is principally designed to be the first step in a continuum of assistance to enable homeless individuals and families to move toward independent living as well as to prevent homelessness. $5,511,075 to 148 projects.

Mentally Ill – 2,859 individuals – 18% of total

COMPETITION KICKS OFF MARCH 2017!
HOPWA provides supportive housing opportunities for persons living with AIDS and related diseases through direct subsidies to organizations providing housing and service programs for this population. FFY 2015 $2,378,000 was awarded in HOPWA funds. 1,120 persons benefitted in 910 households.
Re-Entry Initiatives

- RPH Program Provides 3-4 months of housing for persons being released from incarceration. This program is administered by DCA and run by DCS. Without this intervention, many persons would be homeless.
Housing Choice Voucher Program (Preference)
(“Section 8”)

Severe and Persistent Mental Illness Clients (SPMI)

- One of every two open vouchers goes to Olmstead eligible clients;
- DBHDD referral required;
- Limited time preference;
- The “regular” wait list is closed;
  - Total of 600 vouchers pledged. 237 under contract. 22 families searching for units.
Opportunities

- Our goal is to provide more coverage across Georgia by
  - Partnering with local governments and agencies
  - Developing capacity in existing programs
  - Utilizing existing service points to add new services

Interested in what these funds can do for your community? Please contact us!
Point in Time Count

What’s the Point? (Dad joke)

Snapshot…

Who are we capturing?
Point In Time Count

How Often? Every Two Years.
Most recent was January of 2017

152 counties not covered by eight local Continuum plans. Local plans exist for the City of Atlanta, Fulton County, DeKalb County, Cobb County, Athens-Clarke County, Augusta-Richmond County, Savannah-Chatham County, and Columbus-Muscogee County
Point In Time Count

Boots on the Ground

94 Counties – Almost a 50% Increase!

What about the other counties?
Point in Time Count

Surveys Returned
3,000+

What happens to those surveys?
When Are The Results Back?

Are we capturing enough people?

Listening To Community Needs? Hotel/Motel

New Data Elements/Sources For Predictive Model
Coordinated Entry

What it is?

Pilot opportunities?

Possible funding assistance!
Contact Us!

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