

Street Beat: A Street Outreach Program

Program Details

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The objective of Safe Harbor Center's Street Outreach Program, Street Beat, is to provide homeless individuals with the emergency services and referrals they need to find safe housing solutions. To increase the safety, well-being, and self-sufficiency of homeless individuals and to help them build permanent connections with caring mentors with the goal of getting them off the streets.



The Street Outreach Program performs the following activities: find, track, communicate with, and build trusting relationships with these individuals; address the immediate needs of homeless with food, clothing, emergency shelter and hygiene; provide crisis intervention needs 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Services include case management services to address health care needs, reunification services, individual treatment and counseling, family counseling, life skills training, education and assistance completing GED requirements, job skills training, employment, pregnancy testing, parenting education and support provide prevention and education information on sexual exploitation, STDs, and HIV. In June 2014, Southeast Georgia Health System donated space and the Street Beat program relocated to Jekyll Avenue in a small home. The new location has allowed the Street Beat program to offer a twice a week drop-in center. Transportation is provided 3-5 days a week to the Social Security office, the Labor Dept. or Labor office, to job interviews, to DFCS for food stamps, and Health Department for birth certificates. Street Outreach has also added transportation twice a week to the drop-in center. This provides the programs Youth and their families an opportunity to utilize the areas of the new office, to work on life skills, such as doing laundry, receiving or helping to prepare a hot meal, and access the internet.

SCOPE OF SERVICES

Population served: The Street Outreach program works with youth 14-21 years of age.

Settings: Services are offered at two locations. The Jekyll Ave. office is located across from the College of Coastal Georgia and Southeast Georgia Health Center. The second office is located on Union St. in the heart of downtown Brunswick. Street Outreach Offices offer drop-in opportunities, job connections, computer access, showers, laundry, hot meals, tutoring, life skills training, and counseling.

Hours and days of service: 7days -24 hours

Frequency of services: Daily

Payers and funding sources: Federal Youth Services Bureau, Department of Community Affairs, City of Brunswick, Department of Family and Children Services, United Way, Coastal Community Foundation, Christ Church,

Fees: No Fees

Referral sources: Department of Family and Children Services, Glynn, McIntosh, Camden County School System, Community and School of Coastal Georgia, Gateway Behavioral Health, Coastal Community Action Authority, Local Law enforcement agencies, Department of Juvenile Justice, Salvation Army of Brunswick, Coastal Health District of Georgia, Faith works and Local faith-based Organization.

The following services are provided: Addressing Housing Needs, Health care needs, reunification services, Individual counseling, Life skills training, Job skills Training, Education Assistance, Tutoring and Mentoring

Partner Agencies: Coastal Community Action Authority, Gateway Community Service Board, Brunswick Salvation Army, Glynn Community Crisis Center, City of Brunswick, United Way of Coastal Georgia

Relevant information about our Scope of Services can be found in the following resources:

Promoting Safe and Stable Families Family Support Services Handbook

The Safe Harbor Program Brochure

The Golden Isles Homeless Coalition Facebook Page

Safe Harbor Facebook Page

Safe Harbor Website

Entry Criteria: Proof of Homelessness or Imminent risk of homelessness. HMIS VISPDAT Assessment completed.

Transition Criteria:

The program provides connections to local resources, it supports individuals with maintaining safe and stable housing. The program provides assistance with initial contacts for referrals upon completion of program this helps foster good community relations that were built while in the program.

Exit Criteria: All eligible participants are provided an exit questionnaire and information and/or referral for additional assistance.

What happens when a client is determined to be ineligible for services?

Once an individual is determined to be ineligible a referral or information is given to the individual.

Service Delivery Model: Motivational Interviewing, VISPDAT, Ansell Casey Life Skill Assessment