



Overview

Project Renewal was founded in 1967 as a 48-bed alcohol detoxification program, which was one of the nation's first successful treatment programs for "public inebriates." Since then, Project Renewal has set a pioneering course, developing new and innovative programs to help homeless men and women break the cycle of chronic homelessness and achieve health, homes and jobs. The organization continues to focus their efforts on men and women who, in addition to being chronically homeless, cope with mental illness and/or addiction to drugs or alcohol. Project Renewal provided healthcare and mental health care for 9,047 New Yorkers in 2010, and continues to offer other programs, such as addiction, mental health, education, job training and housing services. Project Renewal offers services that are unified under one organizational roof to ensure that clients receive the comprehensive support they need while progressing toward self-sufficient and independent living.

Medical and Behavioral Health Services

Project Renewal offers comprehensive medical and behavioral health services including primary care, substance abuse treatment, mental health treatment, and chronic disease management. They are a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) that operates three mobile medical clinics, three shelter-based clinics, and a dental clinic. Clients in Project Renewal's supportive housing programs have access to their range of medical services, which encompasses emergency care, screening for communicable diseases, chronic disease case management, optometry, dental care, HIV testing and support services, women's health services, and pharmacy services. In particular, 1,883 HIV tests were given by care staff of the non-profit organization, with 24 individuals testing positive, and receiving the necessary care as needed. Project Renewal also operate a medical detox clinic, an outpatient treatment clinic, and a chemical dependency crisis center. Medical care is coordinated with clients' mental health and substance abuse services. Staff composition varies based on the size and needs of each supportive housing program, but typically consists of on-site psychiatrists, nurses, and nurse practitioners. Case managers provide individualized case management services to ensure that each client receives appropriate medical and behavioral health treatment.

Housing Programs

Project Renewal operates more than 750 housing units. The program's housing initiatives include four shelters as well as transitional and permanent housing. The permanent supportive housing offered by Project Renewal, which includes 401 apartments in 2 residential buildings and 314 scatter-site apartments, serves chronically homeless individuals often disabled by substance abuse, mental illness, and/or co-morbid illness. All supportive housing programs have case managers, a program director, peer counselors and an entitlements coordinator. Clients receive a full range of support services, including case management for substance abuse and/or mental health disorders, medical and psychiatric services, job training and a placement program, peer support, life skills and family counseling.

Outcomes

- 90% of clients living in Project Renewal permanent housing programs remain housed after placement.
- Over a 2.5 year period, 86% of In Homes Now clients continue to reside in permanent housing or have entered long-term treatment. In addition, 92% of clients who were active three years ago are currently stably housed.
- 97% of clients living in transitional apartments for methadone maintenance have moved on to more independent living.
- 90% of In Homes Now clients are enrolled in active entitlements.
- Though services are optional, 100% of supportive housing clients have identified personal goals as part of a case management care plan.
- In 2010 our Next Step Employment Program made 280 job placements and clients' average starting hourly wage was \$9.50.

Major Funding Sources

- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
- U.S. Department of Veteran's Affairs
- New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation
- New York City Department of Homeless Services
- New York State Department of Parole
- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
- Medical Centers: St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital, Bellevue Hospital Center
- Fountain House

Engaged Partners

- New York City Department of Homeless Services
- New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
- New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development
- New York State Office of Mental Health
- New York State Office of Alcoholism & Substance Abuse Services
- New York State Office of Vocational and Educational Services for Individuals with Disabilities

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