

Permanent Supportive Housing

Community Collaboration...

How It Can Work For You

Why are people
homeless?

WRONG : (

Homelessness begins when there is no support system to provide guidance during times of crisis.

Why does it make sense to collaborate in Asheville, NC?



Affordable

Housing



Next to None



Lots of

extra \$\$\$\$\$



Not

happening

 Available Public Housing units for singles:

Asheville Housing Authority

 Local entities have \$\$ available for support staff for clients in housing units:

Local LME

City of Asheville

Buncombe County

Mission Hospitals

 Keeping Public Housing units in use!

 Support staff work with clients for stabilization and skills to work toward independent living

Additional Resources

 Haywood Street UMC: a church primarily for the homeless...opening 10 medical respite beds for medically challenged folks released from Mission Hospitals.

 Community churches combine efforts to make Room in the Inn work. 12 women are housed while waiting for permanent housing.

 Hope to Home: primarily, faith based teams who provide support through a mentoring program for newly housed clients.

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Local Realtors: hold a Landlord Lunch 'n Learn to find more rental options..



Have a local Veteran's Administration?? ... look into HUD VASH



Find a videographer from your local TV station and make a fabulous PSA



Legal Services...for us, Pisgah Legal Services. They can KEEP your folks in housing but you need to know your Fair Housing guidelines.

heart strings, collaboration vs. wallets

Still not sold on permanent,
supportive housing?

Here are some solid facts
from the Jordan Institute at
UNC-CH

Documented Savings in Buncombe County...

-  Emergency service costs fell by 20%
-  Shelter costs decreased by 74%
-  Mental health inpatient costs decreased by 80%
-  Detention costs decreased by 69%

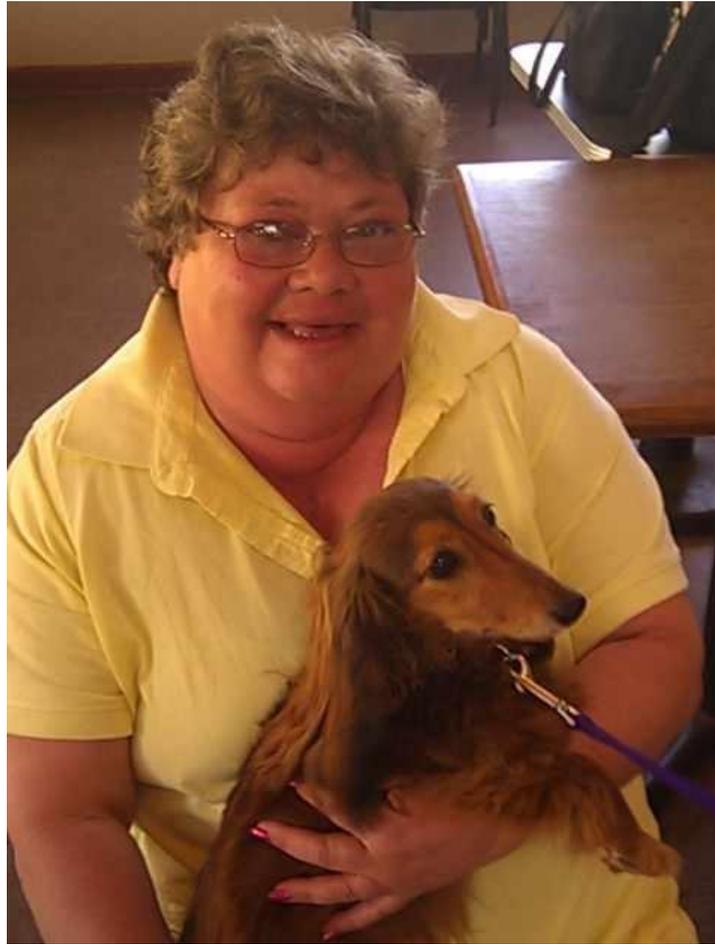
Increases were positive...

- 👉 Mental Health outpatient service costs tripled
- 👉 Substance Abuse service costs rose 139%
- 👉 Dental and Eye Care costs were up 275%
- 👉 HIV service costs increased by 74%

Supportive Housing clients were effectively plugged into local systems that dramatically decreased emergency services.

The increase in outpatient medical, mental health and substance abuse services indicate the improved health and welfare of each client.

Angel...waiting



Bernice...housed for 3+years



Oops....my team lost : (
(my granddaughter...how'd this happen?)



**Sarah – in amazing housing for 1.5 yrs
and celebrating each moment!!**



Support your community...

Do your part....

Do the research and see what's going on.

Support your local housing communities...

Educate others about permanent, supportive housing.

Encourage community collaboration.

Give of yourselves – your time, your knowledge, your financial resources.

It's your community...make it the best!!!