

Successfully Moving Residents into Permanent Housing

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Overview of the WSOS Transitional Housing Program

- Operated in four counties – Wood, Sandusky, Ottawa and Seneca
- Serve 40 households per year, individuals and families
- A Family Advocate works in each county to provide services
- Work with scattered site apartment units with various landlords in each county

Overview of the WSOS Transitional Housing Program

- Funding from various sources, including the Balance of State, Community Services Block Grants, and Occupancy charges and fees
- Participants pay 30% of their income each month toward their rental costs
- Participants can participate in the Transitional Housing Program up to 24 months

Key Program Elements

- Enrollment
- Ongoing
- Exit and Follow up



Key Program Elements – Intake/Enrollment

- Success starts at intake
- Pre Screening Form
- Committee Agreement/Selection Team
- Caseload sizes

Key Program Elements - Ongoing

- Needs Assessments
- Family Matrix
- Goal Plans
- Intensive Case Management
- Home Visits

Key Program Elements - Ongoing

- Applying for Section 8
- Relationships with other agencies
- Services within our agency – employment and training, fundraising
- Wraparound services
- The “rural” factor – successes and challenges

Key Program Elements – Exit & Follow Up

- Services begin prior to exiting program
- Ensure a smooth transition
- Follow up services are different for each participant
- Participant surveys

Outcomes and Results

- By implementing these key elements, we are currently at a 92% success rate of moving TH participants to PSH and an 81% employment rate for those leaving the TH program
- Over the last five years, we have had an average of 80% success rate in moving people from TH to PH and a 65% employment rate for those leaving the TH program

Questions?

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