

COLLABORATIVE HOUSING INITIATIVE

PROGRAM OVERVIEW Volunteers of America's Collaborative Housing Initiative is an innovative partnership between many local agencies dedicated to helping qualified individuals build stable housing and lives. The program serves chemically dependent, mentally ill or dually diagnosed individuals or families who meet the HUD definition of homelessness and who are employed or in school 40 hours per week, unless a disability precludes them.

A permanent housing project that includes both a housing subsidy and case management, the Collaborative Housing Initiative provides in-home case management for a variety of interventions to help clients achieve stability and retain housing, including tenant rights and responsibilities, educational/vocational plans, budgeting skills, community resource information, problem-solving skills and basic home maintenance. Case management is tailored to each client's needs and clients participate in all goal setting.

Financial assistance is available for clients' housing-related start-up expenses as well as work or training-related expenses. The program receives referrals from a variety of homeless service providers in the Louisville community.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

- 93% of clients retained permanent housing for at least 12 months
- 100% of clients received income or pursued an educational goal

CLIENT SATISFACTION

- 100% of respondents surveyed indicated they benefited from the services they received
- 100% of respondents surveyed indicated they were satisfied with the services

YEAR ESTABLISHED 2008

FY 2016 BUDGET \$40,475

PEOPLE SERVED 15 households; 16 adults and 7 children



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