Addressing Family Homelessness

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What We Do

- Rapid Re-Housing for Families
- Programming for Transition Age Youth (TAY)
- Programming for Pregnant Women
- Family Stability/Beyond Housing
- Educational Programming
Rapid Re-Housing for Families

- Funded by the Community Shelter Board
- Clients are referred from shelter through Coordinated Entry
- 223 Families served last year
TAY

- YHDP Community, Round 2
- CSB funds
  - HFF-all pregnant/parenting, TH and RRH
  - YMCA-RRH for single youth
  - Huckleberry House-TH for single youth
    - TH-4 Units that started in March, 19 more in May (13 single, 6 pregnant/parenting), 4 more to come in the fall
- Goal is to serve 166 households in the first year.
Kenmore Unit
22nd St. Unit
Programming for Pregnant Women

- Healthy Beginnings at Home (HBAH)
  - Pilot Project with Caresource, Celebrate One/City of Columbus (funding from OFHA), CMHA
  - Women were screened by Step One, then referred to HFF
  - 100 women served; 50 in intervention, 50 in control group
  - Pilot will conclude December 2020
Programming for Pregnant Women

- Homeless Prevention for Expectant Mothers
  - Funded by CSB
  - Women can be referred by Gladden Community House HPP, Moms 2 Be, or Center for Healthy Families
  - Served 53 families last year
Family Stability/ Beyond Housing

• Flexible programming for families who need additional help with housing stability
• More time, more money, more case management, ability to pay for expenses that are otherwise not allowable
• Transportation, utilities, additional rent, employment expenses, childcare, etc.
• Food Pantry
• All clients of the agency are served in some capacity
Successes

• Dedication to clients during the pandemic
  • Agreeing not to close any cases
  • Case managers reaching out for even more frequent contact
  • Clients still moving into housing
  • New emergency funds to help, both internal and within our community
Challenges

- Housing stock and cost
- Client barriers
- Large pool of rental applicants
- Employment
Next Steps- Partnership

• HFF is in the beginning stages of a partnership with a private landlord to dedicate a set number of units in a large apartment complex for our RRH clients.
  • This will eventually be a supportive community model with other partners and services on-site.
Next Steps- Diversified RRH

• HFF has received funding for a new RRH program with families, focused on serving those with the highest barriers. This program will allow for more intensive case management and longer terms of financial assistance.
Next Steps-Housing and Education

- HFF has also received funding for a partnership with Columbus State Community College, to provide housing assistance to students who are at risk of having to drop out of school due to housing instability.
  - While some of these students might be TAY with no children, we anticipate that a good number of these will be non-traditional students with families.
Next steps- Employment

- HFF has hired two Employment Navigators to assist our housing clients and case managers.
- Main focus on serving our TAY population, because of their age and vulnerability, but we have the capability to serve any family.
Next steps - Employment (continued)

- We are asking them to concentrate on four things:
  - Building partnerships with existing employment programs in the area.
  - Building partnerships with area businesses
  - Surveying existing clients
  - Providing individualized employment case management
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