



Behavioral Health Administration's Homeless Service Programs

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Behavioral Health Administration

Mission

The Maryland Department of Health's Behavioral Health Administration will develop an integrated process for planning, policy, and services to ensure that a coordinated quality system of care is available to individuals with behavioral health conditions.

The Behavioral Health Administration will—through publicly-funded services and supports—promote recovery, resiliency, health, and wellness for individuals who have or are at risk for emotional, substance-related, addictive, and/or psychiatric disorders, to improve their ability to function effectively in their communities.



Behavioral Health Administration

Overview

- Oversee all Housing Initiatives supported by Behavioral Health Administration (BHA)
- Oversee all Homeless Services Initiatives supported by BHA
- Oversee Recovery Support Services Initiatives supported by BHA

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BHA's Homeless Services Initiatives

Behavioral Health Administration Initiatives

- Current Federal Grants from Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
- State Initiatives to pilot Evidence Based Practices and proven strategies that have worked

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*BHA's Homeless Services Initiatives***Federal Grants****Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)**

- Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH): **FFY 2019: \$1,271,71** Annually (Amount can change due to grant being a formula grant).
- States Cooperative Agreements to Benefit Homeless Individuals (CABHI): **\$8,445,290** (Three Year Grant, which ended September 30, 2019).
- Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care (CoC): **\$5,180,672** Annually (Amount can change due to competitive process).

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*BHA's Homeless Services Initiatives-Federal Grants***Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH)**

- Individuals who are experiencing homelessness or at imminent risk of becoming homeless and who have been diagnosed with a serious mental illness or a co-occurring disorder
- PATH funding is distributed to Baltimore City and all 23 counties
- In FFY 18, Maryland enrolled 1,686 individuals into PATH
- In FFY 19, Maryland is estimated to enroll 1,847 individuals into PATH

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BHA's Homeless Services Initiatives-Federal Grants

PATH Eligible Activities

Outreach services	Screening and diagnostic treatment services
Habilitation and rehabilitation services	Community mental health services, including recovery support services (e.g., peer specialist/recovery coaches)
Staff training, including the training of individuals who work in shelters, mental health clinics, substance use programs, and other sites where individuals who experience homelessness require services	Alcohol or drug treatment services
Staff training, including the training of individuals who work in shelters, mental health clinics, substance use programs, and other sites where individuals who experience homelessness require services	Case management services, Supportive and supervisory services in residential settings
Referral for primary health services, job training, educational services, and relevant housing services	Housing services, as specified in Section 522(b)(10) of the PHS Act, as amended (U.S.C. § 290cc-22(b), including: or Minor renovation, expansion, and repair of housing
Costs associated with matching eligible individuals who are experiencing homelessness with appropriate housing situations	One-time rental payments to prevent eviction

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BHA's Homeless Services Initiatives-Federal Grants

States Cooperative Agreements to Benefit Homeless Individuals (CABHI)

- Maryland Collaboration for Homeless Enhancement Services (MD CHES) - September 30, 2015 to September 29, 2019.
- Services are being provided in Anne Arundel and Carroll County
- Services are available to individuals experiencing chronic homelessness who have a mental illness, substance use disorder or a both disorders
- Piloted new Evidence Based Practice in the State of Maryland: Critical Time Intervention

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BHA's Homeless Services Initiatives-Federal Grants

Continuum of Care (CoC)

- Formerly the Shelter Plus Care Program
- Tenant and leasing-based rental subsidy program
- Provides permanent housing and supportive services to individuals with disabilities and to families with children in which one adult member has a disability
- The target population
 - Individuals who have been incarcerated in a local detention center for less than 90 days who were homeless prior to incarceration (based on HUD's definition) and meet BHA's disability criteria;
 - And those who are living in non-institutional settings (local detention center/jail, prisons, or a hospital) who meet HUD's definition of homelessness and BHA's disability criteria

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BHA's Homeless Services Initiatives-Federal Grants

Continuum of Care

Allegany	Harford
Anne Arundel	Baltimore County (2)
Carroll	Cecil (2)
Southern Maryland (Charles, Calvert, and St. Mary's Counties)	Frederick
Mid-Shore (Caroline, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, and Talbot Counties)	Washington
Lower Shore (2) (Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester Counties)	Prince George's (2)

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BHA's Homeless Services Initiatives-Federal Grants

Continuum of Care

- In SFY 2019, BHA received \$5,180,672 and in SFY 2020, will receive \$5,327,946 for 16 grants
- In SFY 2019, 406 households were served. BHA is funded to serve a minimum of 305.

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BHA's Homeless Services Initiatives

State Funded Initiatives



BHA's Homeless Services Initiatives

State Funded Initiatives

- SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR)
- Housing First Pilot Project
- Homeless ID Project

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BHA's Homeless Services Initiatives- State Funded

SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR)

- Federal initiative that assists individuals experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness and diagnosed with a mental illness and/or co-occurring disorder apply for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)
- MD has the third highest SOAR approval rate in the country
- MD's average approval rate for initial SOAR SSI/SSDI cases was 98% in SFY 2019

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BHA's Homeless Services Initiatives- State Funded

Housing First Pilot

BHA and Behavioral Health System Baltimore in collaboration with the Montgomery County and Prince George's County Core Service Agency/Local Behavioral Health Authorities

- Developed and implemented the Housing First Project
- Serve individuals in Baltimore City, Montgomery County, and Prince George's County
- This project provides assistance to individuals to locate, secure, and maintain permanent housing
- In SFY 2019, 72 individuals were served

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BHA's Homeless Services Initiatives- State Funded

Housing First Pilot (2)

Services include:

- Advocates that assist individuals in securing housing and communicating with landlords, and provide supported housing services to help individuals maintain housing
- Representative payee services for individuals who are required to have a payee by the Social Security Administration
- Housing subsidies to assist in making housing affordable for those in the program

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BHA's Homeless Services Initiatives- State Funded

Housing First Pilot (3)

Eligible individuals:

Those with mental illness or a mental illness and a co-occurring substance use disorder who are:

- Homeless or at risk for homelessness and served by the SSI/SSDI Outreach Access and Recovery (SOAR) Program
- To be discharged from a state psychiatric hospital to live in any of the three jurisdictions

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BHA's Homeless Services Initiatives- State Funded

Housing First Pilot (4)

Eligible individuals (continued):

- Transitioning from an RRP in any of the three jurisdictions to permanent housing
- All individuals served through this project must have incomes at least 50 percent below the area median income (AMI)

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BHA's Homeless Services Initiatives- State Funded

Homeless ID Project

- To assist individuals experiencing homelessness or who are in imminent risk of becoming homeless and who have a mental illness or co-occurring substance use disorder with accessing behavioral health services, medical services, entitlements
- Provides State Identification Cards and Birth Certificates
- In SFY 2019, BHA funded 590 IDs and 443 Birth Certificates

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BHA's Homeless Services Initiatives

BHA's Goals Moving Forward

- Promote Evidence Based Practices: Permanent Supported Housing and Critical Time Intervention
- Look at new opportunities to promote homeless services and the EBP that support reducing homelessness
- Harm Reduction and Housing First

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BHA's Homeless Services Initiatives

BHA's Goals Moving Forward (2)

- Trainings on providing services to individuals who identify as LGBTQ and are experiencing homelessness, harm reduction, administering Naloxone
- Opportunities to partner with DHCD and local housing authorities to expand housing for individuals with disabilities

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