



HOMELESS PREVENTION CASEWORKER ~ FY 23 ANNUAL REPORT

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The Harbor Homes Homeless Prevention Caseworker is funded through Dukes County and the six towns of Martha's Vineyard.

Homeless Prevention Caseworker Services:

The primary function of the Homeless Prevention Caseworker is to assist individuals and families who are homeless or facing homelessness with housing and/or housing options. Other services provided include:

- meet individually with residents and assist them in completing applications for rental assistance and/or subsidized housing programs, in collaboration with the Dukes County Regional Housing Authority Office
- complete and submit Vi-SPDAT screenings on homeless clients through the Coordinated Entry system (CES) Dukes county access point and assist in CES placements.
- provide resource and referral services and support to individuals and families who are low income and who are housing insecure or homeless.
- facilitate referrals to shelters on and off island.
- screen chronically homeless individuals for the regional permanent supportive housing waitlist and provide enhanced case management for chronically homeless.
- attend the regional CES meetings to discuss the chronically homeless waitlist.
 - Meetings have not been scheduled.

- work collaboratively with community agencies to provide support services to residents who are struggling with being homeless.
 - MV Community Services, MV Hospital, CAPMVY translation services, Island Health Care, Vineyard Healthcare Access, Council on Aging, Boards of Health, Police Departments, Island Clergy, Martha’s Vineyard public schools, Dukes County Benefits Access Caseworker
- Participated with the Youth & Young Adult Planning Committee for the Cape & Island to identify and plan programs for youth and young adults facing homelessness. 6 meetings.
- Completed a Homeless Needs Assessment February-April 2023 with 30 participants. (Results enclosed.)

STATISTICS

Individuals served – 77

- Male = 45
- Female = 32
- Unknown = 0

Note – The above numbers include 13 families that were provided with services.

Race –

- Caucasian = 40
- African American = 14
- Portuguese = 8
- Hispanic = 6
- Native American = 2
- Unknown = 7

Veteran –

- Yes – 2
- No – 68
- Unknown – 7

Disability –

- Yes = 5
- No = 69
- Unknown = 3
- Temporary = 0

Age –

- 70 – 79 = 2
- 60 – 69 = 15
- 50 – 59 = 9
- 40 – 49 = 15
- 30 – 39 = 10
- 20 – 29 = 5
- 10 – 20 = 4

- Under 10 = 17

Income –

- Employed = 24
- Unemployed = 37
- SSI/SSDI = 11
- Unknown = 5

Family –

- Yes = 13
- No = 55
- Unknown = 9

Forms of Assistance and/or referrals

- VisPADAT registration – 17
- Referred to shelter – 13
- Dukes County Housing Authority – 18
- Island Health Care – 8
- Off Island sober house – 2
- MV Public Schools – 6
- Harbor Homes application – 17
- Housing Assistance Corporation – 4
- Island Clergy Emergency Funding – 11
- Board of Health – 4
- Police Department – 4
- Town Public Works – 2
- MV Hospital – 10
- Dukes County Social Services – 10
- Morgan Woods – 9
- Harbor Homes Hotel Respite program – 8
- MV Community Services – 17
- Vineyard House – 3
- Island Elderly Housing – 3
- Off Island Affordable Housing - 4