

**City Special Alcohol Funds – Lawrence Community Shelter  
City of Lawrence Budget Six-month Progress Report  
January – June 2010**

**Project Goal**

The goal of the City Special Alcohol Funds 2010 grant to the Lawrence Community Shelter (LCS) is to operate the shelter's Substance Abuse Intervention and Collaboration Program for the LCS guests who suffer from alcohol and drug abuse and often struggle with an additional mental health diagnosis. LCS operates the 24/7 day and night shelter for the homeless in Lawrence. It is an open facility in the night shelter which means that it does not administer a breathalyzer test to its guests. As a result, LCS is the key service organization in Lawrence and Douglas County for adults with alcohol and drug abuse issues who are also experiencing homelessness.

In the first six months of the reporting period, the Lawrence Community Shelter continued to offer "a path to a positive future" for its day and night guests. It has multi-funded programs and experienced staff to serve families and individuals experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness.

The Intervention and Collaboration Program is a combination of two interdependent parts:

\*intervention to empower individuals to identify, access, and build upon their personal strengths to create a positive future; and

\*collaboration with existing service providers such as DCCCA, RADAC, Bert Nash Community Mental Health Center, Valeo, Johnson County Mental Adult Detox Unit, SOS in Kansas City, KS, ARC in Kansas City, MO to make full use of existing resources and to more effectively serve the individuals in need.

**Project Outcomes**

1. Process Outcomes

- a) Obtain admission for 4 individuals into detox, rehab, or psychiatric care each month

**Average 9.5 admissions into detox and mental health treatment each month**

- b) Continue outreach efforts from DCCCA, RADAC, and Bert Nash Community Mental Health Center

**DCCCA, RADAC, and/or Bert Nash staff are at the LCS every work day or vice versa**

- c) Add new case manager or substance abuse counselor for Intervention and Collaboration Program

**Not accomplished in the first six months of the grant period.**

2. Behavioral Outcomes

- a) Enter 10 or more individuals into case management each month

**Average 35 new individuals into case management each month**

- b) Place 6 individuals returning from detox, rehab, or psychiatric care into a job over the year and maintain follow-up schedule to sustain the employment

**Placed two individuals in first six months into a job with follow-up to sustain the job.**

3. Impact Outcomes

- a) 4 individuals through their commitment to case management, employment and/or recovery practices will improve their life skills to the point of holding a job, being a reliable tenant, and/or remaining in recovery for 12 months.

**One individual in first six months holding a job and apartment but others are looking promising.**

- b) Identified community support to help establish a detox and/or rehab facility in City/County.

**This seems likely not to happen. The group that was trying to research and organize the facility has disbanded for the time being.**