

**Outside Agency – Lawrence Community Shelter
City of Lawrence Budget
Six-month Progress Report
January – June 2010**

Project Goal

The goal of the City of Lawrence Outside Agency 2010 grant to the Lawrence Community Shelter (LCS) is to “maintain the existing 24/7 Emergency Shelter activities in the community”.

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.

LCS successfully funded its operations in the reporting period from a variety of public and private sources (individuals, churches, foundations, CDBG, ESG, FEMA), developed its planning for finding another, expanded location for the shelter, and strengthened its networking with other service providers (The Salvation Army, ECKAN, Willow Domestic Violence Center, LINK, Bert Nash Community Mental Health Center, DCCCA, First Step House) and government and non-government agencies (Community Commission on Homelessness, Community Cooperation Committee, Coalition for Homeless Concerns).

The day shelter is open from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm every day of the year. From January through June 2010, the day shelter provided case management through its four programs of housing, jobs, benefits, and intervention, along with AA, laundry services, mail and telephone, employment assistance, breakfast, and limited storage of personal items. The night shelter offers sleeping space for 76 persons in cold weather months and 53 in warm weather months, alcohol and drug intervention, connections to day services, a full evening meal, showers, and some additional storage.

Project Objectives

As the primary place for homeless families and individuals in Lawrence and Douglas County, Kansas worked toward its three program objectives of (1) Providing daily services; (2) Completing intakes on all new guests to insure a solid case management base for each individual; and (3) Maintaining current 24/7 programs and building new relationships.

In the first six months of 2010; LCS

Completed 210 new intakes

Served 25 families with 47 children and 31 adults

Moved 37 individuals or families into permanent housing

Helped 15 individuals or families apply to LDCHA for housing

Helped 27 individuals find permanent jobs

Helped 82 individuals apply for or obtain ID, licenses, and other documentation

Assisted 18 individuals in applying for disability benefits

Took 14 individuals to a detox facility in Topeka, Johnson County or Kansas City

Took 15 individuals to Lawrence Memorial Hospital Emergency Room

Helped individuals fill 180 prescriptions

Assisted 43 individuals obtain mental health treatment