

AIDS INTERFAITH RESIDENTIAL SERVICES (AIRS)

Psychosocial Programs

Programs at AIRS:

- **Don Miller Homes** are the cornerstone of AIRS. Founded as the faith-based community's response to the HIV/AIDS crisis, the Don Miller Homes provide 24-hour personal care for individuals severely disabled with HIV/AIDS. Compassionate care supports individuals as they experience the impact of AIDS. *Eligibility criteria:* Low income HIV+ individuals with a disability. *Capacity:* 10
- **Adult Permanent Housing Program** provides rental assistance and scattered site housing throughout Baltimore City and County. Supportive case management creates greater access to healthcare, employability, and income, with the goal of strengthening self-sufficiency. *Eligibility criteria:* Homeless, low income HIV+ individuals with a disability and their family members. *Capacity:* 110 units—Baltimore City; 17 units—Baltimore County.
- **At the Door Program** provides scattered site housing throughout Baltimore City, targeting HIV+ ex-offenders leaving the prison population, assisting them with both transitional and permanent housing rental assistance. Supportive case management focuses on client access to healthcare access, education, employment and community services activities that can successfully connect them to their community. *Eligibility:* Homeless, low income, HIV+ ex-offenders and their family members. *Capacity:* 20 units.
- **Un Nuevo Comienzo Program** provides rental assistance and scattered site housing throughout Baltimore City and County to HIV+ immigrant clients with Limited English Proficiency, of mainly Hispanic/ Latino origin. Supportive case management creates greater access to healthcare, employability, and income, with the goal of strengthening self-sufficiency. *Eligibility:* Low income, HIV+ individuals and family members with Limited English Proficiency. *Capacity:* 20 units.

What is Psychosocial Programming

- Psychosocial simply means it relates to one's psychological development in, and interaction with, a social environment. The individual needs not be fully aware of this relationship with their environment.
- Connecting psychosocial to Ryan White may include, assisting with benefits/entitlements, counseling and referral to activities that will assist clients to access other public and private programs for which they may be eligible (e.g., Medicaid, Marketplaces/Exchanges, Medicare Part D, State Pharmacy Assistance Programs, and other State or local health care and supportive services). Services are provided to prevent clients from falling out of care.

How Ryan White Funding Impact our Programming

- Ryan White funds are utilized for our psychosocial programming. We address both individual needs of our clients through individual and group sessions.
- We provide group programming in the areas of:
 - Health & Wellness
 - Money Management
 - Community Integration
 - Community Resources

How we utilize Emergency Funds:



- Ryan White Funds are utilized for our clients in our Permanent Housing Programs that are in jeopardy of being evicted or losing their housing voucher due to their utilities being turned off.
- All clients that are HIV positive are eligible to receive assistance however they are required to work with their case manager or our HIV Educator to find alternative community resources to address their eviction or utility bills.
- Ryan White Funds are used as the last resort to assist clients.

How are these programs impacting the clients we serve:



- Clients feel a sense of connection to their communities.
- Clients are empowered and able to navigate systems independently which contributes to long term self sufficiency.
- Ultimately keeps clients connected to care.

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