

The Steve O'Neil Apartments

CHUM November 2019 Assembly



Food • Shelter • Dignity • Hope

Road Map

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Staff Introductions

- ▶ Amy Swenson
 - ▶ Services Coordinator
- ▶ Mary Lu Larsen
 - ▶ Community Engagement Coordinator
- ▶ Carla Pehl
 - ▶ Lead Family Coach
- ▶ Telisha Madison
 - ▶ Family Coach
- ▶ Caitlin Ward
 - ▶ After School Program Coordinator
- ▶ Aleesa Newman
 - ▶ Early Childhood Program Coordinator and Teacher
- ▶ Jennifer Flamang
 - ▶ Lead Early Childhood Teacher
- ▶ Courtney Beckford
 - ▶ Assistant Early Childhood Teacher
- ▶ Tessa Jacobson
 - ▶ Family Advocate

Mission and Goal

- ▶ The mission of the Steve O'Neil Apartments is to break the cycle of family homelessness and build strong, resilient families, with a broad network of social connections, and able to fulfill their goals and dreams.

Since Day One... 12/1/14

94 households served

308 individual participants

- 118 Adults & 190 Children
- 99 under age 5 at move-in

Average length of stay:

627 days (20 months)

80% stayed or moved to permanent housing; only 8 left within their first year



Household Demographics of Heads of Households: All Families

- ▶ 91% “Long-term Homeless” meaning over a year or 4 times in the last three years; 20% “Chronic Homeless”
- ▶ 73% self-identified a long-term disability (83% serious mental illness, 31% substance use, and 11% physical or developmental)
- ▶ 80% experience with domestic violence

Today....

41 households - 126 people

53 Adults

73 Children, 35 under 5

22 under 1 at entry

Length of Residency:

30% are in their first year

43% 1 to 3 years

6% 3 to 4 years

22% 4 to 5 years



Children at the center...

- ▶ Today, there are 68 children living at the Steve O'Neil Apartments.
 - ▶ 25 are under 5
 - ▶ 32 aged 5-12
 - ▶ 11 aged 13-17
- ▶ 22 of these children were either born here, or were under 1 when they entered.



Key Strategies

- ▶ Build a warm and welcoming community
- ▶ Promote life-long learning
- ▶ Foster health and wellness
- ▶ Build programs that promote Housing First, Harm Reduction, and Trauma-informed care at the individual, family and community level

Program Offerings

- ▶ Family Coaching
- ▶ Kitchen and Garden Program
- ▶ Early Childhood Programming
- ▶ After School Programming
- ▶ Partnership Programming with Community Organizations

Enjoy the video presentation!