

New Start Housing Collaborative

- A Collaborative Housing Initiative between Pennington County Health and Human Services, Cornerstone Mission and Behavior Management Systems using the Housing First approach modeled after the Shelter Plus Care housing voucher program. \$500,000 in housing grant vouchers from JTVF.
- **Goal:** Combine a stable home environment provided by the rental assistance matched with case management and supportive services allowing participants to gain control of their life and move towards self-sufficiency.

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The Collaboration:

- ❖ Oversight Committee consisting of the Directors of each agency. Responsible for ensuring program goals are met.
- ❖ Working Committee consisting of Case Management Supervisors from each agency. Responsible for monitoring day to day operations and services to clients.

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Essential components of case management:

- ❖ At least weekly in-home visits to support, evaluate and monitor success (4-6 hours/month)
- ❖ Link to social supports, income assistance, treatment programs
- ❖ Assist in finding employment
- ❖ Assist in obtaining permanent housing

New Start Housing Collaborative Outcomes

- ❖ Housing grant vouchers have assisted 275 homeless individuals/families at Cornerstone Apartments, Owens Apartments, scattered sites. Average rent assistance is \$400 per month since 2008.
- ❖ Since September 2013 144 individuals/families served
 - 5,858 case management hours provided - value \$373,447.
 - Employment or supplemental income earned \$650,502.
 - Value of social supports provided (SNAP, WIC, etc.) \$133,871

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- ❖ Owen's Apartments – owned, renovated and managed by a private entity provides 23 furnished efficiency apartments and offers a controlled access recovery and community environment to the residents.
- ❖ New Start teaches adults that have little to no positive rental history how to live in their own apartment and community, how to maintain a positive relationship with their landlord and a stable home environment. This has opened the door to working with other landlords who may not have previously been an option.