



STEP-UP

Delaware's Supportive Housing Program

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Delaware

- Population: 885,112
- Households: 325,747
- 49th largest state: 1,953 square miles
- 45th most populous state, but 6th in population density






Housing Facts

	DE	US
Homeownership Rate (2009)	76.5	67.4
Median Value (Owner-Occupied Homes)	\$239,700	\$192,400
Percent of renters cost-burdened	46.4	45.9
Percent of Housing Units in Multi-unit structures (3 or more units)	16.0	21.8
Percent of Housing Units – Manufactured Homes	10.4	6.8
Median Year Structure Built	1974	1978

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, 2006 – 2008 American Community Survey and 2009 Housing Vacancy Survey




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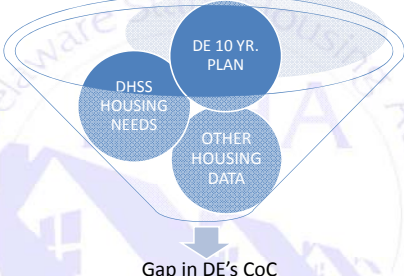
Overview: Step-Up is a supportive housing program, funded as a pilot in 2007. Eligible participants include:

1. Youth exiting the foster care;
2. Individuals with mental health and/or substance abuse conditions; and
3. Individuals with disabling conditions.

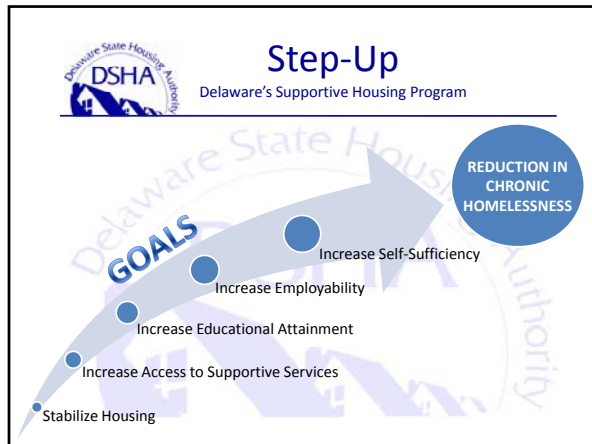


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- Request for Proposals (RFP) process.
 - Criteria for selection includes, but is not limited to:
 - Organizational and Financial Capacity
 - Detailed Supportive Service Plan for Residents
 - Availability of units and evidence of housing needs and services
 - Statewide Geographic Distribution
 - Capacity and ability of the organization to meet requirements of the program

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Step-Up 1 Grantees	Funds Awarded	Minimum # of Vouchers
Connections Community Support Programs, Inc.	\$370,500	15
Gateway House, Inc.	\$259,000	10
West End Neighborhood House, Inc.	\$370,500	10
TOTAL FUNDED	\$1,000,000	35

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Step-Up 2 Grantees	Funds Awarded	Minimum # of Vouchers
Connections Community Support Programs, Inc.	\$430,000	20
Ministry of Caring	\$140,000	5
West End Neighborhood House, Inc.	\$430,000	14
TOTAL FUNDED	\$1,000,000	39

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Step-Up 3 Grantees	Funds Awarded	Minimum # of Vouchers
Catholic Charities	\$110,000	5
United Cerebral Palsy	\$165,000	8
West End Neighborhood House, Inc.	\$275,000	11
Psychotherapeutic Services	\$200,000	8
TOTAL FUNDED	\$750,000	32

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Households Served	Step-Up 1	Step-Up 2	Step-Up 3
Clients Served	50	51	Minimum of 32 Adults
Adults (Over 18)	34 Adults	35 Adults	N/A
Children (0-18)	16 Children	16 Children	
New Castle County*	28	13	
Kent County*	5	18	N/A
Sussex County*	1	4	

*Adults Only Counted




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Accomplishments—

- 100% achieved stabilized housing;
- 100% have an individualized supportive service plan;
- 100% are enrolled in any supportive services that they are eligible for;
- 100% received mental health and/or substance abuse counseling;
- Over 25% have received their HS diploma or GED; and
- Roughly 65% of all exits from the Step-Up program were the result of other permanent affordable housing options becoming available.



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- *"If I were not in this program right now, I'd either be homeless or well on my way to being homeless. I wouldn't have my child with me because I would be on the streets and I would probably have quit school. I probably would give up trying to make the perfect life for me and my child."*
- Step-Up Participant
- *"One reason that this program has been successful thus far is due to the flexibility and understanding that in serving this population, challenges arise that require special consideration."*
- Felicia Kellum, West End
- *"Every individual story is different on why this person became homeless, however, each person is able to experience a new sense of independence with the Step-Up Voucher."*
- Theresa Wolhar, Connections CSP



Next Steps






State Rental Assistance Program

\$3,000,000

- ✓ Joint proposal with Department of Health And Social Services (DHSS) and The Department of Services for Children, Youth and their Families (DSCYF-Kids Dept) for **\$3 million annually beginning in FY12**
- ✓ Rental assistance for 350 individuals and families with a need for community-based supportive services
- ✓ Serving Extremely-Low-Income families : 30% AMI (~ \$20k per year for a family of 4)


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State Rental Assistance Program - Background

- ✓ Need for **1,000** vouchers
 - ✓ *Ten-Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness and Reduce Long-Term Homelessness* (2007)
 - ✓ *Housing Delaware's Extremely Low-Income Households* (2009)
- ✓ **450** individuals in five state-run long-term care facilities
- ✓ **190** children will "age out" of foster care within the next two years


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Agency Roles


	DSHA	PARTNERS
Funding	Requesting \$3 million from the Governor and General Assembly to create 300-350 housing vouchers in FY2012.	Leverage existing resources (Medicaid, etc.).
Administration	Housing component (based on experience with Housing Choice Voucher program).	Supportive services component (via case managers).


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Eligibility criteria


- Household income <30% AMI
- Supportive services history
- Access to supportive services
- Case manager referral
- HCV (Federal Section 8) waiting list






State Rental Assistance Program - Outcomes

- ✓ Provide affordable housing with community-based supportive services to program participants
- ✓ Move individuals out of state-run long-term care facilities and into home- and community-based care programs
- ✓ Cost savings/cost avoidance for the state in the long run
 - ✓ Housing subsidy cost of \$7,000 - \$9,000 per year
- ✓ In line with Governor's vision and three agency agendas



Issues to Resolve

- Establishing a services threshold and timeline
- Role of the case manager
- Preferences
- Exiting the program
- Program Name





Thank You!

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