

Hennepin County Community Health Department - Health Care for the Homeless Project

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Project Description

The Hennepin County Community Health Department HCH Project provides a variety of comprehensive health and wellness services and social and chemical health services to adults, youth, and children who are homeless through nine health clinic locations at emergency shelters, drop-in centers, and other community based facilities in the downtown Minneapolis area. A total of 28 clinic sessions are provided each week.

Services

Services are provided by an interdisciplinary team, including nurse practitioners, public health nurses, RNs, LPNs, social workers, a financial worker, volunteer physicians, and other community volunteers. Services provided include primary and preventive health services, including physical assessments, acute illness care, well-child care, immunizations, prenatal assessment, linkage services, and sexually transmitted disease testing and treatment. Chemical and mental health services include assessment, counseling, referral, and linkage. Tuberculosis screening, HIV street outreach, prevention and education, case monitoring, and directly observed therapy are also provided. PHN services are provided to families while they are in shelters and as they transition to permanent housing.

Linkages

The project has an arrangement with family practice physician residency programs through the University of Minnesota and other local schools of nursing and social work programs.

Statistics

Estimated homeless population: 8,217 Project users: 4,366

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Project Description

West Side Community Health Services' HCH program provides medical, mental, and dental services at three clinics and five outreach sites.

Services

Primary health services include treatment of acute and chronic illness, well woman and child exams, psychiatry, substance abuse counseling and acupuncture, social service coordination, TB screening, HIV/STD prevention, dental hygiene, pharmacy, ophthalmology, chiropractic, and support groups. The program maintains two respite rooms. Medical and dental vouchers provide services at community health centers and pharmacies. A project through the County's Children's Mental Health Center provides psychological evaluation and case management for sheltered children.

Linkages

Clinical volunteers provide ophthalmology, chiropractic, and pharmacy services. Eyeglass prescriptions are filled at discount by a local hospital. Another hospital organizes an annual supply drive of personal hygiene and over-the-counter medications. Project staff participate in numerous community coalitions.

Statistics

Estimated homeless population: 7,000 Project users: 2,554

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