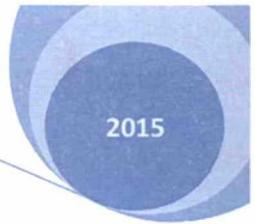


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WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO

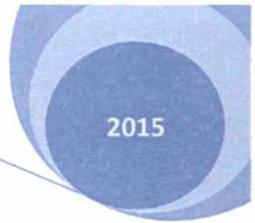
Subsidized housing provides a stable platform for growth, but it is not enough to break the cycle of generational poverty. Rather, Vancouver Housing Authority (VHA) believes subsidized housing is just the beginning of the journey toward self reliance. Stable, subsidized housing combined with proper support and training increases employability and income. Ultimately it can culminate in a life free from government subsidy for low income families and future generations to come. Even for residents unlikely to leave subsidized housing, increased employment and income brings independence, self respect, and improved quality of life. In addition, increased resident income lowers VHA subsidies allowing the agency increased resources to meet our mission and commitment to Clark County citizens.

Since 2012, VHA has worked in partnership with Bridgeview Nonprofit to ensure that all VHA residents are effectively connected with the resources they require to be self reliant.

HOW WE DO WHAT WE DO

Working with community partners, we encourage residents of all ages and abilities to discover new passions and define new opportunities. For children, we encourage academic enthusiasm and success. For young adults, education and training to qualify for a living wage job. For work- able adults, the training, skills, and motivation to attain a life free from subsidies for themselves and their children. For those households that may require longer term rental assistance, opportunities to enhance their quality of life and to engage in their community.

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OUR PROGRAMS

CAMPUS OF LEARNERS – SKYLINE COMMUNITY

Skyline Crest is a 138 unit public housing neighborhood designated as a Campus of Learners promoting academic success and positive lifestyle choices. All 400 community members subscribe to the notion that education matters and agree, as a lease requirement, to support the Campus of Learners Program. Families with children further agree to ensure that their children meet all school attendance requirements and protocols. In partnership with local schools and service providers, VHA encourages active engagement in educational, employment, and community building activities.

Youth and teen after school program

One-on-one tutoring and homework help combined with art and exercise increase academic success for our afterschool program participants. Staff promotes positive decision making, problem solving, and skills open the door to self reliance.

Family Support

Every Skyline family with children completes an annual family plan. Plans include activities families will adopt during the year to promote their children's academic success and how Bridgeview, VHA, and community partners can support them in the process.

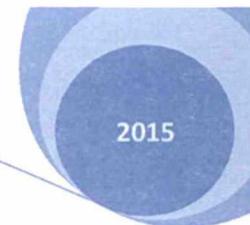
Community Health Advocates (CHA)

Obesity, depression, and other health concerns are common among the low income population and Skyline is no exception. VHA employs Skyline residents as CHA's to work with their neighbors to provide education and activities that promote healthy lifestyle choices in ways that are tangible and resonate with the population we serve.

What's Next

A Boys and Girls Club will open on our Skyline campus Spring, 2016. In conjunction with this, a new Bridgeview Education and Employment Resource Center is planned to provide services for low income adults. In conjunction with Boys and Girls Club and with the support of numerous community partners, we aim to create a service hub for low income families throughout Clark County.

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OTHER EDUCATION INITIATIVES

Early Childhood Development (ECD)

Utilizing a peer-to-peer model, our ECD Program connects VHA families with children 2 to 5 years old with information and resources to ensure that their children begin kindergarten prepared to learn and excel.

College Focus

In order to break the cycle of poverty, most kids need training beyond high school. Unfortunately, kids impacted by poverty are much less likely than their middle income classmates to attend college. Our Family College Focus Program motivates VHA youth to pursue post-secondary education. It is available to more than 400 high school kids age 16 to 18.

Housing Stability Program

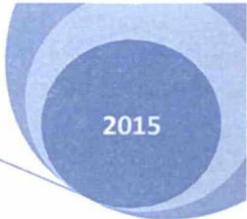
Our Housing Stability Program designates special housing vouchers for low income families where housing instability is impacting their children's school attendance. Participants receive assistance for up to 48 months and are required to engage with school district staff to develop and maintain an education plan for their children and with Bridgeview staff to develop and maintain an employment plan for the adults in the household.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM (CIEAP)

VHA's Community Involvement and Employment Program provides employment referral and support services for residents who are not inclined toward individual case management. Through a combination of web support, training, one-on-one meetings, coaching, partnerships and preferential hiring arrangements, VHA work-able adults have effective access to the tools they need to gain and maintain employment.

This program also manages VHA's Section 3 activities. Section 3 requires that recipients of certain HUD funding provide job training, employment, and contract opportunities for low income residents in connection with projects and activities in their neighborhoods. This most often applies to contractors and subcontractors of construction projects. VHA has expanded this program to include all contracts VHA sponsors.

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CASE MANAGED PROGRAMS

Working one-on-one with a case manager, participants develop a clear plan to success with tangible, well-defined goals and action steps. In addition, they have access to available jobs, education, and the support needed to seek and maintain employment. Case Managers provide encouragement, accountability, resources and support for participants to achieve their goals. Currently more than 250 VHA residents are participating in case managed programs including:

Housing Works –

Funded by the Department of Labor and administered through Bridgeview Housing, Housing Works is a regional partnership between housing authorities and workforce development agencies. It provides case management and employment training and support for work-able VHA residents in high demand fields like healthcare, office, and manufacturing. Equally as important, it provides a framework for systemic collaborations between employment support agencies and housing agencies.

Resident Opportunities for Self Sufficiency (ROSS)

This HUD funded program encourages employment readiness for VHA public housing residents. ROSS case managers can serve our seniors and teens in addition to our work-able population. ROSS promotes increased self reliance amongst those served.

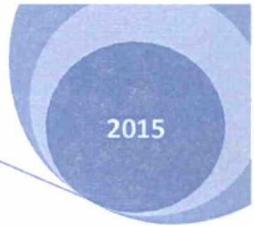
Family Self Sufficiency (FSS)

This HUD funded program is administered through our partners, Second Step Housing. FSS participants have made the commitment to move from subsidized housing to self sufficiency. As residents succeed and increase income and/or meet program goals, they earn escrow funds that they can access when they graduate from the program and leave housing.

Gaining Opportunity At Lifelong Success (GOALS)

All case managed program participants take part in our GOALS Program. GOALS takes a holistic approach to achieving self sufficiency through structured, intensive, and peer-focused education. Core and elective courses are combined with peer and professional support activities to increase motivation and self-efficacy. Participants learn skills related to employment, financial management, health and wellness, and healthy relationships. All skills they will require once they leave subsidized housing.

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ELDERLY AND DISABLED RESIDENT PROGRAMMING

Funded through HUD, VHA Elderly and Disabled Service Coordinators connect residents at VHA senior and special needs properties with community services that provide them the support they need to remain independent and active community members. We serve 431 senior households through this program. In 2014, we enhanced this programming utilizing the peer to peer model so successful in our Skyline community.

What's next

We hope in 2016 to expand this programming on a limited basis to reach even more low income seniors. Planning for this is in the works now.....