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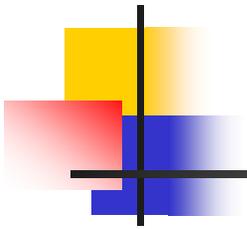
Initiatives Supporting Philadelphia's Ten-Year Plan To End Homelessness



Challenges Facing Youth Aging Out of Care

- National study on outcomes for youth who have aged out of care found:**
- ✓ **Two thirds had not completed high school or obtained a GED**
 - ✓ **61 percent had no job experience**
 - ✓ **32 percent were homeless at any given time.**

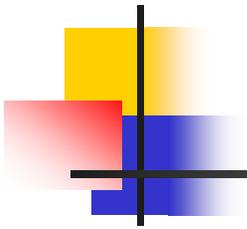




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*ground-breaking
programming to help youth
aging out of care make a
successful transition to
independence.*





Achieving Independence Center

A One-Stop Shop for:

life skills

employment readiness and job training

money management

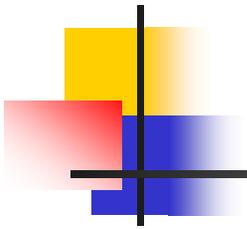
housing support

relational health

family planning.

educational support

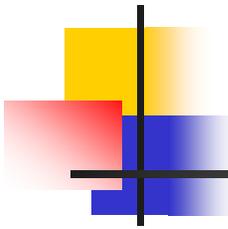




Independence Cafe

- ✓ *On-the-job hospitality training program*
- ✓ *8 weeks of classroom and hands on training at a full service café*
- ✓ *Allows youth to earn while they learn.*

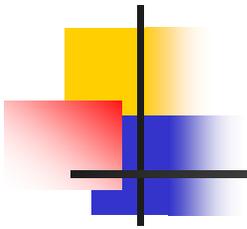




Collaborative Housing Efforts

DHS is involved in a multi-pronged collaborative effort with OESS to provide transitional and permanent housing as well as needed services for youth aging out of care.

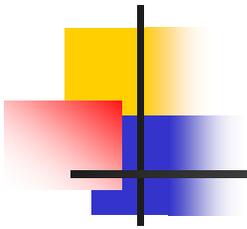




Valley Youth House

- Transitional housing for homeless youth who have aged out of care.**
- ✓ 15 1-bedroom and 15 2-bedroom units
 - ✓ DHS matching funds ensure that residents receive appropriate services
 - ✓ Proposal submitted to provide additional 30 single units as well as 20 mother/baby units



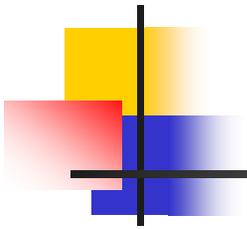


Carson Valley

Transitional scattered-site housing for homeless youth who have aged out of care.

- ✓ Three five-bedroom houses
- ✓ Four one-bedroom houses
- ✓ Four two-bedroom houses
- ✓ Completion date Mid 07



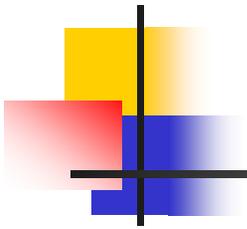


Northern Homes

Rehab of existing structure to provide transitional housing for youth who are homeless after emancipation.

- ✓ Eight two-bedroom units
- ✓ Shared common area
- ✓ Completion FY 07

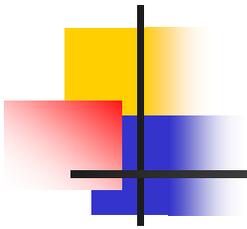




Methodist Services

- ✓ Fresh Start program will provide housing and social services to 11 young women exiting the foster care system who are pregnant or have an infant.
- ✓ Expected to open March 07.



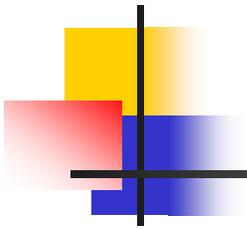


Peoples Emergency Shelter

New construction project to provide permanent housing for emancipated youth and their children

- ✓ Focus on youth recovering from substance abuse and heads of families with mental and physical disabilities.
- ✓ Six two-bedroom units
- ✓ Expected completion FY 08

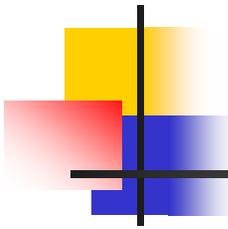




Overcoming Barriers to Reunification

DHS is helping families access safe housing and helping them obtain the skills to maintain a stable home for themselves and their children.



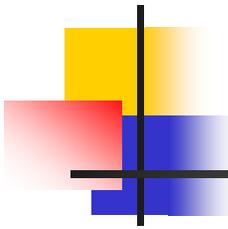


Achieving Reunification Center

On-site services include:

- ✓ workforce development
- ✓ parent education
- ✓ housing and financial counseling
- ✓ fatherhood support
- ✓ technology-based learning
- ✓ counseling



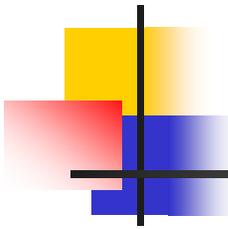


Housing Support Center

Collaboration with Office of Emergency Shelter Services and Office of Housing and Community Development to:

- ✓ ensure consistent cooperation among service agencies
- ✓ improve ability to apply for resources to create additional housing
- ✓ help clients navigate the housing application process

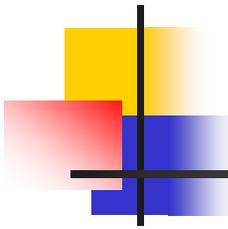




Shelter Plus Housing

- ✓ permanent housing for clients with disabilities, HIV, mental health or substance abuse issues.
- ✓ apartments and scattered-site housing at six locations throughout the city.

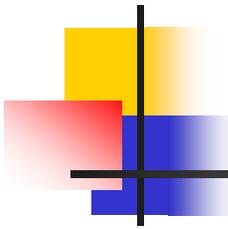




DHS/ PHA Collaboration

*Will help obtain housing
for families seeking
reunification and provide
supportive services for
PHA residents.*





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Promoting Hope For Families

