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OVERVIEW

Shelter Plus Care is a HUD-based housing program through the collaboration of the Division of Family Guidance, the Housing Authority of Bergen County, and the Bergen County Division of Community Development.

What are the goals?

- ❖ To assist young adults in acquiring sustainable housing within the community through a HUD-subsidized assistance program
- ❖ To help young adults who have completed a transitional residential assistance program into more permanent housing
- ❖ To reduce the homeless population among youths
- ❖ To provide case management and referrals to social service agencies

SERVICES

- ❖ Helped young adults find apartments and live independently in unsupervised residences
- ❖ Maintained monthly case management to facilitate job retention, apartment upkeep, budgeting and educational opportunities
- ❖ Connected young adults with community referrals such as Center For Food Action, Medicaid Extension for Young Adults, and mental health services
- ❖ Provided crisis counseling when necessary
- ❖ Organized socialization and recreational activities
- ❖ Supported clients throughout the transition from Shelter Plus Care to mainstream Section 8

REQUIREMENTS

- ❖ The Shelter Plus Care program is limited to residents of Bergen County.
- ❖ Young adults must be between the ages of 18 and 21. Clients may remain until their 25th birthday.

Who refers?

- ❖ Visions program – Transitional Living
- ❖ Conklin Youth Center
- ❖ Self Referral
- ❖ Community referrals