

Bethlehem Family Shelter Program Report- Part II Follow up

Information Session #3—Topic: You are Special, We all are Special-- January 11, 2022 (unable to get a speaker).

Presenters: Stephanie Croom Williams and Thelmajean Corvello—discussion and positive affirmations given to residents.

Census Data: 15 – 20 –Primarily women, ranging in age from 21 to 86. There are families (mother-86 & daughter (60's) and a mother with 2 teen age children, and other single mothers and young children.

Collaboration: We collaborated with National Trends and Services and International Trends who generously donated toys and socks to children and residents over the Christmas holidays.

How Publicized: The Family Shelter holds weekly meetings and has a calendar of events. Residents are informed of Tacoma Links visits during weekly meetings and postings on the calendar.

Evaluation: Evaluations were completed after each Information Session. About 90% of the evaluations were scored in the “Very Helpful” range. The feedback received was that the programs were beneficial and effective in providing helpful information to Shelter Residents. Many of the topics were in response to residents’ requests.

Information Session #4—Topic: Heart Health, Black History, Valentine’s Day-Feb.8, 2022

Presenters: Dr. Jior Cameron – Heart Health
Link Dorris Okoro— African American History Moment
Link Kirsten Watts—African American History Moment

Census: 15 – 20 residents

Collaboration: National Trends and Services, International Trends and Services, Dr Jior Cameron

How Publicized: Through Family Shelter weekly meetings and calendar of events.

Evaluation: 90% of the evaluations were scored in the “Very Helpful” range.

Information Session #5—Topic: Mental Health Awareness- Where and How to Get Help When Needed—March 8, 2022

Presenters: Lovey Offerle, President NAMI Board of Directors for Pierce County
Patricia Kurz, VP, NAMI Board

Census: 15 – 20 shelter residents

Collaboration: National Trends and Services, International Trends and Services, NAMI of Pierce County

How Publicized: Through Family Shelter weekly meetings and calendar of events.

Evaluation: More than 95% scored in the “Very Helpful” range. The feedback received was very positive and residents were able to meet one on one with the presenters to ask questions.

Information Session #6—Topic: Resources for Finding Affordable Housing in Pierce County – April 12, 2022

Presenter: Cheryl Swalling, former Housing Authority Member

Census: 15 – 20 shelter residents

Collaboration: National Trends and Services –who were responsible for getting the presenter for this topic; Tacoma Housing Authority

How Publicized: Through Family Shelter weekly meetings and calendar of events.

Evaluation: About 90% of the evaluations were scored in the “Very Helpful” range. The feedback was positive and in direct response for information on this topic.

Projected May 2022 (Budgeted for this programming year)

End of Year Celebration: May 17, 2022--A dinner for residents is being planned for an evening in May. Hygiene kits will also be distributed at this dinner. Budget dinner: \$500

Hygiene Kit Distribution: May 17, 2022

25 Hygiene kits will be distributed for men, women and kids

Collaborations: The Arts Facet, Spanaway Lodge #83, Prince Hall Masons; Tacoma Lion Club, Lindquist Dental Clinic For Children

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Hygiene Kit Distribution: April 12, 2022

60 Hygiene kits for men, women and kids distributed to Power of Two

Collaborations: The Arts Facet, Spanaway Lodge #83, Prince Hall Masons; Tacoma Lion Club, Lindquist Dental Clinic For Children

Census Data: Approximate reach for kits – 60 homeless residents. Primarily men and women.

Unable to evaluate success of distribution at this time.