

New Community Harmony House Transitional Living

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Harmony House is a transitional housing program with the primary goal of increasing self-sufficiency by helping families move from homelessness to permanent housing.

As the largest transitional living facility in New Jersey, Harmony House has earned an excellent reputation for the array of comprehensive services it provides to homeless families and children. At Harmony House families acquire the skills and resources they need to effectively move towards stable, permanent housing.

Residents are encouraged--and in many cases required--to take advantage of childcare, job training, and other resources available through the New Community network.



Our Mission ~ To help residents of inner cities improve the quality of their lives to reflect individual God-given dignity and personal achievement.

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Who We Serve

Harmony House opens its doors to homeless families who are in need of transitional housing and social services. The length of stay at Harmony House is determined by individual circumstances but the average ranges from six to nine months.

Relocation and Case Management Services

With a host of on-site social services and the capacity to house 102 families in individual apartment units, Harmony House provides much more than a shelter. Our highly-skilled case managers provide much-needed resources to our families by linking them to readily available social services.

Relocation Services

Harmony House aids families in the relocation process with activities such as:"

- Developing a relocation plan
- Conducting apartment search
- Identifying needed support resources
- Qualifying for affordable housing
- Providing a continuum of care to promote housing stability



Resident Requirements

In order to stay at Harmony House, families must:

- Demonstrate a willingness to move from homelessness to self-sufficiency
- Adhere to program requirements
- Maintain a healthy lifestyle
- Keep apartments clean and safe
- Attend weekly home and life skills management workshops
- Develop goals to promote and prepare for a lifestyle change
- Participate in educational and job training programs

On-Site Social Services

- Domestic violence prevention and support
- Support Groups meetings that promote healthy lifestyle changes and address stress-related issues
- Meals program
- Substance abuse counseling
- Mental health counseling
- Life enrichment programs
- Family counseling
- Relapse prevention, support, and counseling
- Linkages to medical and dental services, clothing closet, and other advocacy services as needed

Youth Services

Harmony House provides after-school and summer camp programs for children of families in transition. These program components include:

- "Stepping Out On Faith" drill team
- Mentoring
- Fun and engaging social activities
- Annual holiday toy drive
- Community services projects
- "Kids Cope" counseling services
- Homework and tutoring assistance

Housing and Social Services for Teenage Mothers

As parents and teen moms advance their lives through education or employment opportunities, Harmony House has recently renovated several apartment units specifically to provide housing for pregnant or parenting teens from the ages of 16-21 years old. This provides the young mothers an opportunity to access health care, education, childcare, and social services while living in a safe environment.

Harmony House Early Learning Center

As parents and teen moms try to obtain an education, job training or work, Harmony House ensures that their young children receive quality early childhood education.

The center provides care and education for children from the ages of 3 months to 3 years. Many qualify for free care and schooling under the NJ Abbott mandate. Full-time, year-round services include:

- Nurturing care and educational experiences
- Nutrition, health, and family support services
- Classrooms equipped with a complete array of educational toys, games, and other learning tools
- Children are encouraged to investigate, be inquisitive, and seek their own solutions
- A flexible curriculum to inspire a child's interests.

Harmony House partners with the Foster Grandparents Program which places grandmothers in the classroom to provide special loving care. The Even-Start Family Literacy Program provides an integrated family literacy component.

