



Harriet's House
Report to the General Assembly
Justice and Public Safety Committee
Reducing Recidivism Among Women
Ex-Offenders Since 1995

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Passage Home

We assist low-income and homeless families to become economically self-sufficient and obtain permanent affordable housing, employment and training.



- *"I had crossed the line of which I had so long been dreaming. I was free; but there was no one to welcome me to the land of freedom."*

- Harriet Tubman



- HARRIET'S HOUSE is a specialized, community-based transitional housing program developed to help women make a successful re-entry into the community, regain custody of their children, gain and maintain full time employment and obtain permanent, affordable housing.

Main Objectives

- To reduce recidivism by giving people individualized and holistic support during reentry
- Assist mothers in regaining custody and care of their children
- Help women to obtain and maintain permanent, safe, and affordable housing
- Help women obtain and maintain (living wage) employment
- Help women return to the community and adopt a positive and responsible lifestyle
- Increase public safety by encouraging pro-social behaviors upon release, thereby reducing crime
- Foster collaborations to provide resources; work with state agencies, federal agencies, and a network of Faith Partner congregations.



A Model Program

- Harriet's House has become a nationally recognized model for re-entry by the:

- US. Department of Justice
- National Association for Criminal Justice
- Annie E. Casey Foundation
- North Carolina Governor's Crime Commission
- National Congress of Community Economic Development



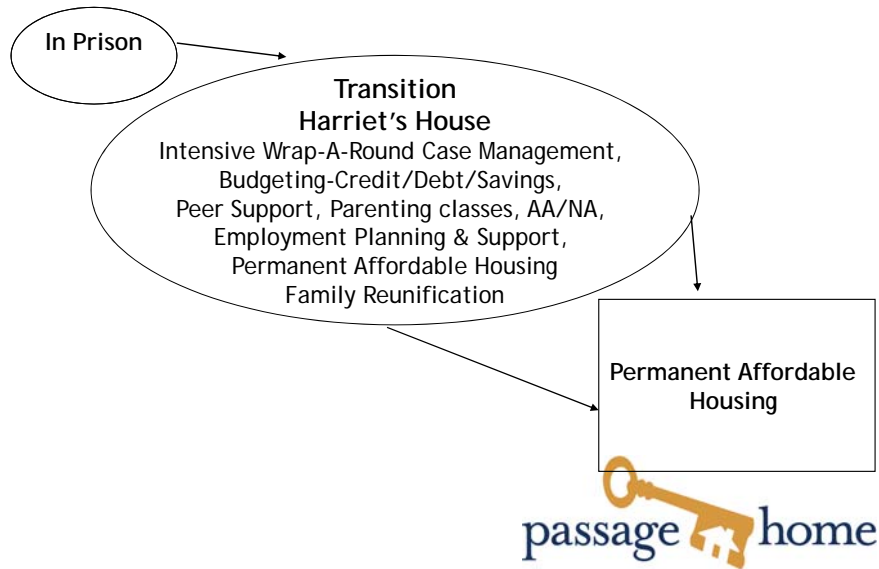
NC Governor's Crime Commission

- "Harriet's House has provided a practical roadmap for reentry programs to model. This program effectively addresses housing, educational, employment, and parenting needs of female ex-offenders by fostering collaborations with state agencies, federal entities and faith-based organizations and successfully leveraging human and financial resources. The comprehensive transitional services, wide-scale collaborations, and effective leveraging of resources provided by Harriet's House have proven to be ingredients for a successful program."

- Cheryl Bryant, N.C. Governor's Crime Commission



Comprehensive Services



Statewide Benefit

- We receive referrals from:
 - ▣ N.C. Correctional Institute for Women, Raleigh
 - ▣ Mary Frances Center, Tarboro
 - ▣ Fountain Correctional Center, Rocky Mount
 - ▣ Piedmont Correctional Center, Salisbury
 - ▣ Raleigh Correctional Center, Raleigh
 - ▣ Southern Correctional Center, Troy



Leveraged Funding

BRINGING MONEY TO SERVE N.C.

- Dept. of Corrections
- US HUD (Housing & Urban Development)
- Federal FEMA/ESG
- Governor's Crime Commission
- Faith Partner Churches
- Corporate Donors
- Individual Donors
- Foundations
- Intermediaries



Funding Sources/Uses for Harriet's House Program

Sources	Amount
DOC	\$195,938
HUD	95,445
ESG	7,145
GCC	<u>87,002</u>
Total	\$385,530

Uses	DOC	Total
Salaries/Benefits	57%	62%
FTE's	3.5	6.5
Services	16%	10%
Housing	27%	26%
Admin		1%



Cost per Household

- For the three year period 7/1/08 to 6/30/11, we have received \$666,489 and have served 81 households.
- Average cost per household to the State: \$22.55/day, \$8,228.26/year



Our family is back together to stay!



Performance Measures/Outcomes

- Recidivism Rate for the past 3 years (includes both rearrests and convictions):

■ **11%**

Past Grant Year

- **77%** of families reunited
- **89%** successfully transitioned to permanent housing
- **85%** obtained stable employment



Win-win-win

- Tax-payers win: Low recidivism rate means fewer people in prison and less crime
- State wins: Women are stable, paying taxes, and making positive social contributions
- Individuals/Families win: Reunited and stable, mothers and children are able to thrive



Questions?

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