



Exciting New Activities

The Rebirth Project

Responsibility House is currently accepting clients into its newest Permanent Supportive Housing program: The Rebirth Project. This New Orleans-based program will provide 35 chronically homeless and disabled persons with rental payments to keep a roof over their heads and supportive services to help them integrate into the community as positively contributing members.

The Rebirth Project uses a Housing First model to ensure that clients attain the stability they need. This model places primacy on homeless persons' need for housing and encourages, but does not require, treatment compliance to remain in the program.

Integrated Treatment Training Initiative

Integrated Treatment follows the holistic precept that a person with co-occurring substance abuse and mental health disorders requires simultaneous treatment of his/her disorders that does not put a barrier between the diagnoses.

As a component of the Integrated Treatment Training and Education Program, Responsibility House has begun developing a graduate-level academic curriculum on the Integrated Treatment model in collaboration with Louisiana State University, and we are in talks to begin this process with the Tulane University School of Social Work.

We continue to accept graduate student interns for supervised clinical training on Integrated Treatment.

Serving the community by providing support and counseling to families and individuals who struggle with substance abuse, mental illness, homelessness, and/or HIV/AIDS.

Program Highlights

Social Detoxification

As the first step in the treatment process, the program continues to place more than 90% of its clients in primary treatment.

Residential Treatment

We have recently begun placing some program graduates in Sober Living Houses, where they continue to receive support during the recovery process.

Supportive Housing

While this program undergoes a rapid expansion our case managers maintain contact and provide constructive feedback in regular supervision sessions.

Outpatient Treatment

Providing two levels of outpatient treatment allows us to offer a broader continuum of services to more people.

Integrated Treatment Training

We have already hosted two professional development workshops on Integrated Treatment, and the clinical and academic components of the program are taking shape as powerful agents of change.

Upcoming Workshop

April 30, 2009

Integrated Treatment of Co-Occurring Disorders

Presented by David Mee-Lee, M.D.

A follow-up to our September workshop on making integrated treatment really work in practice, this workshop will focus on overcoming the identified obstacles to implementing the model.

Please see our website for more information: www.responsibilityhouse.org

New Orleans Recovery Update

- Three and a half years after Hurricane Katrina, the rate of co-occurring disorders in our community remains strikingly high, a trend which is reflected in our service experience.
- According to a recent report from the Office of Applied Studies, the rate of unmet drug treatment need in Louisiana has consistently been among the ten highest in the country since before Katrina.
- Despite the enormous challenges we are facing, our community remains committed to improving the lives of even the most disadvantaged among us.

