Why We Need AIDS Housing

1. **Need**: Persons with HIV are significantly more vulnerable to becoming homeless during their lifetime.

2. **HIV Prevention**: Housing stabilization can lead to reduced risk behaviors and transmission.

3. **Improved treatment adherence and health**: Homeless persons with AIDS assisted with HOPWA housing support demonstrated improved medication adherence and health outcomes.

4. **Reduction in HIV Transmission**: Stably housed persons demonstrate reduced viral loads resulting in significant reduction in HIV.

5. **Cost saving**: Homeless or unstably housed PLWHA are more frequent users of high-cost hospital-based emergency or inpatient services, shelters, and the criminal justice system.

6. **Discrimination and stigma**: AIDS-related stigma and discrimination add to barriers and disparities in access to appropriate housing and care along with adherence to HIV treatment.

For a searchable database of over 300 peer-reviewed articles on HIV and housing research, see [www.hudhre.info](http://www.hudhre.info).

What HOPWA Does

HOPWA services provide a dynamic resource to meet varied needs.

**SUPPORTIVE SERVICES**

- Case Management
- Meals and Nutrition
- Behavioral Health
- Transportation
- Housing Information
- Employment Services
- Benefits Assistance

**HOUSING SUPPORT**

- Tenant Based Rental Assistance
- Transitional/Short-Term Housing Facilities
- Permanent Housing Facilities
- Short-Term Rental, Mortgage, and Utility Assistance

Who HOPWA Serves

HOPWA provides housing assistance to over 60,000 households with an individual living with HIV. 9 out of 10 HOPWA housing beneficiaries have extremely low or very low incomes. Among new clients served in 2011, over 4,500 (15 percent) were homeless and of all clients nearly 2,800 were veterans. An additional 30,800 clients were assisted with leveraged housing funds.

Over 40% of beneficiaries are female and almost one-fifth are under 18 years of age. The racial and ethnic composition of HOPWA housing recipients reflects the disparate impact of HIV on minorities: over 62% of persons receiving HOPWA housing identify as Black or African American and nearly 20% identify as having Hispanic/Latino ethnicity. Over 40% of beneficiaries are female and almost 20% are under 18 years of age.

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How HOPWA Delivers

The HOPWA delivery system is a network of over 950 HIV providers with expertise in client outreach, housing operations, case management, and other services to address the complex issues of PLWHA and their families.

![Expenditures by Type of Activity](#)

- **Supportive Services**: 26.09%
- **Housing Development**: 1.78%
- **Housing Placement Assistance**: 4.27%
- **Administration and Management Services**: 7.70%

Increasing Access to Housing and Health Care

HOPWA providers report annually on various program achievements, such as the type of housing assistance provided, the number of households served, and measurements of how connected households are to care. Clients achieve a high rate of stability with 95% of those receiving permanent housing remaining stably housed.

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- 87% of HOPWA’s beneficiaries had contact with a health care provider.
- 86% have access to and maintained health insurance.

Moving Forward

HUD is an integral member of the federal team implementing the National HIV/AIDS Strategy released in July 2010. The Strategy’s goals are:

- Reducing HIV incidence
- Increasing access to care and optimizing health outcomes
- Reducing HIV-related health disparities

HUD is working with HHS to create common indicators to track our clients in an effort to better understand and address their needs.

HOPWA’s “Getting to Work” employment initiative, developed in collaboration with the US Department of Labor, will assist HOPWA housing and service providers to increase their ability to directly deliver employment services or build strong connections to existing mainstream services.

Find Out More At These Sessions

1. **7/23 at 12:30 to 2:30**: Amy Richter, the Project Manager for HOPWA Data Verification and Analysis will be answering questions at her HOPWA data verification poster.
2. **7/24 at 12:30 to 2:30**: David Vos, Director of the Office of HIV/AIDS Housing, will be answering questions at the HOPWA access to care poster.
3. **7/24 at 2:30 to 6:00**: Learn how to develop a housing Continuum of Care for Persons with HIV in Mini Room 4 with our technical assistance providers.
4. **7/26 at 12:30 to 2:30**: Angela Aidala will be answering questions about her poster that discusses housing status and the health of people living with HIV.

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