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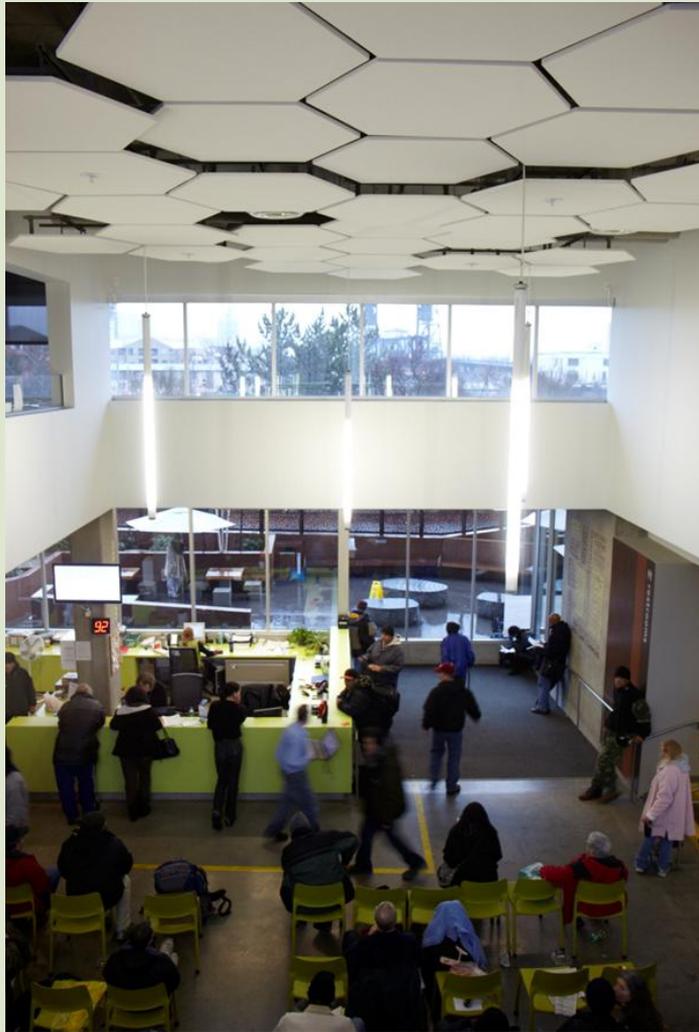
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# WHO WE ARE



- Home Forward is the Housing Authority of Multnomah County (Portland)
- Serves over 15,000 households and more than 33,000 residents
- Oversees 6,500 housing units (public housing and real estate developed and acquired)
- Administers approximately 8,800 Section 8 rent assistance vouchers as well as short term rent assistance vouchers for the continuum of care

# BUD CLARK COMMONS



In operation since 2011, Bud Clark Commons is a multi-use structure with three operations in one building

- 90 Bed men's shelter
- Day Center for homeless persons (open daily)
- 130 apartments funded with public housing subsidy and Low-Income Housing Tax Credits

# APARTMENTS AT BUD CLARK COMMONS

## Housing Slashes Health-Care Costs

By Donna Kimura

A new study makes the case that permanent supportive housing dramatically reduces health-care costs and saves taxpayers' money

*Affordable Housing Finance, April 18 2014*



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## *Integrating Housing & Health*

A Health Focused Evaluation The Apartments at Bud Clark Commons

45% Decrease in Costs in First Year

**\$8,700 Per Resident Per Year**

Year Before Move-In	1st Year After	2nd Year After	Beyond 2nd year	Typical Adult Medicaid Member <sup>1</sup>
\$1,626	\$899*	\$995*	\$680*	\$454

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## SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

- Supportive housing is not affordable housing with resident services.
- It is a specific intervention for people who, but for the availability of services, do not succeed in housing and who, but for housing, do not succeed in services.
- Can be site-based, scattered site or clustered (choice)
- **Is ALWAYS AFFORDABLE AND PERMANENT**

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## CHARACTERISTICS OF HOUSING FIRST/ HARM REDUCTION HOUSING

- Move people into housing directly from streets and shelters without preconditions of treatment acceptance or compliance
- The provider is obligated to bring robust support services to the housing but continued tenancy is not dependent on participation in services.
- Units targeted to most disabled and vulnerable homeless members of the community.
- Harm reduction approach to addictions means housing provider does not mandate abstinence. At the same time, the provider must be prepared to support resident commitments to recovery.

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## Services on-site

- Resident Services – events, community organizing, information and referral
- Mental Health – contracted staff and prescriber
- Healthcare Navigation – staff make appointments and send reminders, meet regularly with clinic staff, work with residents to use hospital appropriately
- Highly collaborative approach between Property Management staff and Resident Services staff
- New – skin care clinic – funded through Health Commons grant

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## Outcomes During 2013:

- Over 70% of the residents participated in case management services.
- A total of 84 residents were enrolled in mental health services on site.
- A total of 41 residents actively participated in treatment services.
- Over 85% of the residents participated in an apartment community activity.
- Had a housing stability success rate for at least 12 months for 80% of all residents who moved in over one year ago.

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## Other Outcomes Include:

- Reuniting with family for the holidays
- Reconnecting with children and grandchildren
- Moving into less service enriched housing
- Moving into more service enriched housing
- Less trauma
- Dying with dignity, inside; instead of living on the streets

# STRATEGIES TO INCREASE SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

- Learn new languages (housing/health care)
- Seek out introductions and new relationships
- Build on current partnerships
- Find common interests
- Have hard conversations
- INTENTIONAL PLANNING EFFORTS