



**ABILITY
HOUSING**

PRESENTING
**THE SOLUTION
THAT SAVES**

Year One Evaluation Interim Findings
2016-2017

THE SOLUTION THAT SAVES

The Solution That Saves is part of a statewide pilot to provide Florida-specific data concerning the effectiveness of providing permanent supportive housing for high utilizers of crisis services.

The pilot initiative was developed by Florida Housing Finance Corporation. Florida Housing competitively selected three sites to develop and operate permanent supportive housing to serve each community's persons with the greatest need. The pilot sites are located in Duval, Miami-Dade and Pinellas Counties.

A supportive housing work-group was convened, comprised of representatives from The Agency for Health Care Administration, Department of Children and Families, Department of Elder Affairs, Department of Health, Department of Veterans Affairs, and Florida Housing. These work-group members evaluated the pilot proposals and agreed to assist Florida Housing and each pilot site with addressing respective issues regarding the implementation of the pilot and cost-benefit study and/or evaluation.

Providing housing with personalized supports helps individuals and families stabilize their lives, improves their health and self-sufficiency, and reduces costs to publicly funded systems.

The Solution That Saves

- One of three pilot sites
- Assesses cost impacts to publicly funded systems of care, comparing pre- and post-housing utilization and costs
- Assesses impacts on pilot participants' health and quality of life
- Jacksonville pilot has 90 participants – housed in Ability Housing and market housing in Duval County
- Participants identified by multiple organizations - including healthcare, criminal justice, and emergency service providers - as homeless or unstably housed high utilizers of crisis services
- Selection criteria and methodology, evaluation team, and evaluation methodology approved by state agencies
- Evaluation conducted by Health Tech Consultants, Inc. and Institutional Review Board approved

2016-2017 Interim Findings



The Jacksonville Sheriff's Office provided arrest and jail data.



down
78%

Arrests and bookings during the year prior to housing cost **\$32,708** (37 arrests).

After housing, the cost fell to **\$7,072** (10 arrests), a reduction of **78%**.



down
89%

Days spent in jail during the year prior to housing cost **\$83,340** (1,386 days).

After housing the cost of fell to **\$8,718** (145 days), a reduction of **89%**.

HOMELESS SERVICES DURING THE YEAR PRIOR TO HOUSING COST \$33,057.



SHELTER
NIGHTS **\$9,611**



DAY RESOURCE
CENTER **\$6,435**



TAKE HOME FOOD-
BAGS **\$6,976**
MEALS PROVIDED
AT SHELTERS **\$4,516**

Miscellaneous Supports:
Bus Passes/Food/Meals/
Emergency Supplies/Rental
Assistance/Employment
Services **\$5,519**

After housing the cost fell to **\$3,902** a reduction of **88%**



HOSPITAL COST BEFORE HOUSING

\$4,011,184

HOSPITAL COST AFTER HOUSING

\$1,471,374

↓ 63%

HOSPITAL VISITS
328 before
housing

HOSPITAL VISITS
129 after
housing

↓ 61%

ER VISITS
202 before
housing

ER VISITS
55 after
housing

↓ 73%

Emergency room cost fell by **68%**
In-Patient cost fell by **60%**
Out-Patient cost fell by **71%**

Total Study Population

Compared expenditures by/for the 58 participants in year 1

Total Cost
Pre-Housing
\$4,943,322

Total Cost
Post-Housing
\$2,484,330

While we only have one year of data on 58 of the 90 pilot participants, the data clearly demonstrates that there is a **meaningful** decrease in costs, if individuals are provided a stable home with appropriate supports.

99% certainty that results can be replicated

PILOT PROGRAM

DOES PROVIDING AFFORDABLE HOUSING LINKED WITH INDIVIDUALIZED SUPPORTS REDUCE COSTS TO PUBLICLY FUNDED SYSTEMS OF CARE WHILE IMPROVING OUTCOMES FOR HIGH UTILIZERS OF CRISIS SERVICES?

To find the answer, Ability Housing is leading “The Solution That Saves”, a state pilot to evaluate the effectiveness of providing permanent supportive housing to our most vulnerable neighbors.



43 units of housing are provided at Village on Wiley; 47 units of housing provided at apartments scattered throughout our community.

Permanent Supportive Housing: The linkage of affordable housing with voluntary, person-centered support services is the national best practice for helping chronically homeless individuals and families permanently exit homelessness. This approach also enables adults with disabilities to live independently.

PILOT FUNDERS



PILOT EVALUATOR



PILOT PARTNERS

