

PERMANENT HOUSING CASE STUDY



Title: Acadiana Cares, Lafayette, Louisiana, Supportive Housing for Low-Income Clients Living with HIV/AIDS

Property Name: Project Home Again

Basic Description: Scattered Site units across seven Parishes; one and two-bedroom units

Developer: Acadiana Cares

Property Management: Varies across each Parish, due to scattered site units

Service Provider: Acadiana Cares

Tenant Profile: Homeless and disabled households and/or those living with HIV/AIDS

Service Approach: The success of Project Home Again is due to the commitment of Acadiana Cares and local providers and companies who have partnered with the agency to help improve the quality of life for low-income tenants living with HIV/AIDS. Acadiana Cares delivers several services to Project Home Again tenants, including case management services and linkages to mainstream benefits. The agency also coordinates with local service providers to meet additional needs, such as affordable transit, food, and substance use treatment.

Project Background:

Before Acadiana Cares embarked on developing supportive housing in the local area, there were few decent, safe, and affordable housing units available for low-income individuals living with HIV/AIDS. Due to medical advancement for those living with HIV/AIDS, quality of life concerns arose for low-income individuals in the area, who needed the financial assistance and supportive services provided through supportive housing. Continuum of Care (CoC) data began to show a growing need for supportive housing for individuals living with HIV/AIDS who had a substance use disorder. In addition, statewide HIV data highlighted a growing population of tenants living with HIV/AIDS who were at risk of homelessness.

Key Features and Impact:

- 68 total units in 7 parishes
- 38 units are designated for those who are homeless and have a disability
- 30 units are designated for those living specifically with HIV/AIDS
- 91% remain stably housed or have successfully exited to other permanent housing
- 75% receive mainstream non-cash benefits, primarily health insurance

FINANCING INFORMATION

Development Budget

Funding Source	Amount Received
CoC Permanent Supportive Housing	\$687,566
Total	\$687,566

Operations Budget

Funding Source	Amount Received
CoC: Project Home Again II – HIV/AIDS	\$312,000
CoC: Project Home Again IV – Homeless/Disabled	\$503,000
HOPWA (Case Management services)	\$70,037
Total	\$885,037

DEVELOPER PROFILE

Acadiana Cares is a client-centered organization dedicated to empowering vulnerable communities affected by HIV/AIDS, homelessness, and substance abuse to improve their quality of life. The organization began its work in 1985, during the rise of the HIV/AIDS epidemic, and later expanded into HIV/AIDS education and prevention services to seven southern parishes in Louisiana. Several parishes served by Acadiana Cares are rural and historically underserved areas. Acadiana Cares has spent decades providing several critical services, including HIV/AIDS education and prevention, substance abuse treatment, financial assistance, and case management to those impacted by HIV/AIDS.

PROJECT PICTURES



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