

Community Housing Innovations (CHI), has been serving the Long Island community for the past 29 years. Our services cover the operation and management of 24/7 emergency housing, the development of permanent affordable housing, and down payment assistance for first time homebuyers. Our programs are funded through HUD and OTDA and we have worked in partnership with the Suffolk County and Nassau County Departments of Social Services. We are excited to be the service provider for Nassau County's new program, the Jericho Family Support Center. This center will offer a safe and supportive environment for families transitioning out of homelessness and into permanent housing.



CHI Services Include:

Case Management:

- Development of Individual Living Plans to assist clients with reducing barriers to independent housing which can include:
 - Budgeting
 - Crisis intervention
 - Physical Health referrals
 - Mental Health referrals
 - Substance abuse referrals
 - Parenting referrals
 - Mentoring
 - Job Readiness

Child Care:

- Provides an educational program for all pre-school aged children
- Child care drop in for all ages
- Toddler time
- Help with care coordination
- Assist with 504 Plans and Individual Education Plans (IEP)

Recreation/Education:

- Provides Academic support via homework help
- In person and online recreation activities
- Teen nights
- Supervised activities for all school aged children
- Linkage with the Hempstead School District for HSE prep and testing
- Educational workshops: eating on a budget, healthy eating, anger management.

Housing:

- Provides support for all permanent housing needs
- Assists with phone calls to landlords, realtors
- Assists with housing applications
- Assists with daily living skills needed to sustain permanent housing
- Provides staff dedicated to housing opportunities/leads

Security:

- 24/7 Staff coverage
- Security Cameras
- Clinical staff on site 7 days a week
- All staff are certified in CPR and Narcan administration

COVID Response

During these unprecedented times CHI developed a strong response to the COVID-19 virus including cleaning protocols for staff, supplying staff and clients with Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) and cleaning supplies, COVID screenings on all clients and any authorized visitors including temperature checks. As a result of the over 2000 clients we house every night, CHI only had 11 test positive. Those clients were quarantined off site and the units professionally sanitized.