

PROJECT CONNECT

The 7th Annual Project Connect was held on October 10, 2013 at the Hargraves Community Center in Chapel Hill.

- More than 50 healthcare, mental healthcare, substance abuse treatment, legal services, housing and employment agencies participated
- 250 people experiencing or at risk of homelessness served
- 2,600 client contacts between guests and service providers

Project Connect 2014 will take place on October 9th!

To volunteer with Project Connect 2014, contact:

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Orange County Partnership to End Homelessness

REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY



Since 2007, the Orange County Partnership to End Homelessness (OCPEH) has worked towards preventing and ending homelessness in Orange County. We are pleased to present our 2013 Report to the Community, which is an opportunity for us to present our progress towards ensuring that all Orange County residents are safely and securely housed. Eradicating homelessness within our community requires ongoing support from everyone. We invite you to join with us to help make Orange County a place where all residents have a place to call home.

To learn more about the Partnership's work to prevent and end homelessness in Orange County, visit:

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<http://www.co.orange.nc.us/housing/endinghomelessness.asp>

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OCPEH PARTNERS

CASA

- Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce
- Chapel Hill Downtown Partnership
- Chapel Hill Restaurant Group
- Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools
- Child Care Services Association
- Community Empowerment Fund
- Compass Center for Women & Families
- Durham Technical Community College
- Durham Veterans' Affairs
- EmPOWERment Inc.
- Episcopal Church of the Advocate
- Family Preservation
- Freedom House Recovery Center
- Greenleaf Church
- Hidden Voices
- Housing for New HOPE
- Institute for Family-Centered Services
- Inter-Faith Council for Social Service
- JobLink Career Center

JOCCA

- Justice United
- KidSCOPE
- Legal Aid of NC
- Lutheran Services Carolinas
- Mount Carmel Baptist Church
- Neighbor House of Hillsborough
- New Goloka Hare Krishna Temple
- OCC Pre-Release Program
- Orange Congregations in Mission Orange County
- Orange County Courts
- Orange County Literacy Council
- Orange County Schools
- Piedmont Health Services
- PTA Thrift Shop
- RHA Health Services, Inc.
- Second Family Foundation
- St. Thomas More Catholic Church
- Town of Carrboro

Town of Chapel Hill Town of Hillsborough UNC-Chapel Hill

- UNC Center for Excellence in Community Mental Health
- UNC Healthcare
- UNC Horizons
- UNC Dept. of City & Regional Planning
- UNC School of Journalism
- UNC School of Law
- UNC School of Social Work
- University United Methodist Church
- Vocational Rehabilitation



The OCPEH is funded by Orange County and the Towns of Chapel Hill, Carrboro, and Hillsborough. It is a collaboration of housing and service providers, local governments, faith-based and other community groups, local businesses, the UNC-CH community, and volunteers.

We work to prevent and end homelessness in Orange County by increasing access to:

- Housing
- Employment
- Services

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HOUSING INITIATIVES

The **100,000 HOMES** Taskforce has developed treatment plans for several individuals in our community who are chronically homeless, most of whom have serious health, mental health, and/or substance use problems. The Taskforce includes law enforcement officers, street outreach workers, and case managers from Freedom House Recovery Center, Cardinal Innovations, UNC Hospitals, and the Inter-Faith Council for Social Service.

In 2013, eight (8) of the most vulnerable people experiencing long-term homelessness in Orange County obtained housing and services.

In 2013, the Partnership coordinated the funding process for the following HUD grants.

Continuum of Care (CoC) Grant:

- \$450,000 awarded to Cardinal Innovations/OPC and the UNC Center for Excellence in Community Mental Health to serve disabled homeless

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG):

- \$105,564 awarded to the Orange County Department of Social Services and the Inter-Faith Council for Social Services for rapid re-housing and emergency shelter



OUR 2013 FEATURED PARTNER:

Critical Time Intervention (CTI) Program at the UNC Center for Excellence in Community Mental Health

Interview with Bebe Smith, Project Director for CTI and OCPEH volunteer for the 100,000 Homes Taskforce

What is the CTI (Critical Time Intervention) Program?

CTI is an intensive case management program based at the UNC Center for Excellence in Community Mental Health. Funded by the Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust, CTI uses a team-based approach, focusing on supporting people with severe and persistent mental illness during major life transitions.

How does the CTI program help to prevent homelessness?

CTI provides support and encouragement to help meet clients' most basic needs, including accessing housing, benefits, and health care; and teaching financial management and independent living skills. The first people enrolled in CTI were all from the 100,000 Homes Taskforce's list of most vulnerable homeless in our community.

How can I learn more about the CTI Program?

Visit our website, www.unccti.org.



Bebe Smith, LCSW

EMPLOYMENT INITIATIVES

In 2013:

- **12 new businesses** agreed to serve as Job Partners Employers
- **18 people participated** in the program, and **12 gained employment upon graduating**



The Job Partners Program began in 2012, helping people at risk of homelessness—with a focus on at-risk youth and those with criminal histories—become job ready and find employment. Each participant attends weekly Opportunity Classes as well as working with a personal Job Coach. The program is administered by the Community Empowerment Fund (CEF).

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

In 2013:

- **Two Support Circle teams**, made up of volunteers from the faith community committed to helping individuals and families achieve greater self-sufficiency, were formed
- **Two families** were assisted with transitioning out of homelessness into permanent housing



SERVICES

In 2013, Outreach Court served 43 individuals, and was successful both in reducing jail time, and decreasing instances of criminal activity and arrest, for people experiencing chronic homelessness. The court is unique in North Carolina as the first special court to offer people experiencing homelessness an alternative to incarceration for misdemeanor crimes. Participants are screened by the UNC Center for Excellence in Community Mental Health, which designs individualized treatment plans. Once participants complete a 6-month plan, most charges are dropped.