



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

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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  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

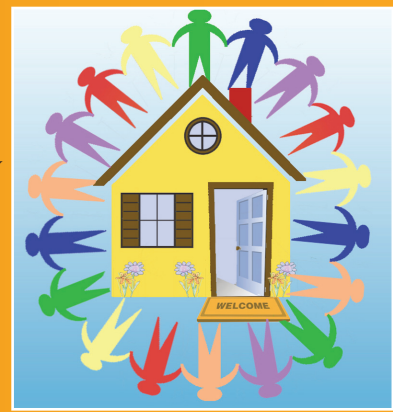
- In 2013:
- **12 new businesses** agreed to serve as Job Partners Employers
 - **18 people participated** in the program, and **12 gained employment upon graduating**



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.