

Good morning,

There are successful programs in places elsewhere that the Vermont Senate Committee on Economic Development, Housing, and General Affairs and the House Committee on General and Housing has the opportunity to immediately mimic and blow the impact of their own knowledge, funding, structures, and resources to the moon and back and accomplish it right now.

Looking over the fence, for example, to the KA HALE A KE OLA HOMELESS RESOURCE CENTERS, INC., of Maui Hawaii. My experience there allows for the opportunity today to share this perspective with all of you. I was once homeless briefly with my infant son in 1995, and this program saw to it that it was as brief of a circumstance as possible. <https://www.khako.org/programs/>

The housing resources and management in Vermont is currently completely debilitating to our residents and our communities. Completely, there is no question. Orkin arrives at hotels and allocated apartment units providing zero pest(s) control. Hotel and tenement owners are handed security deposits in full...Vermont money lost to the landlords. They relentlessly retain the security deposits in full unless the homeless and/or their representative can put up a good enough fight for at least a partial return to the citizen. These moneys belong in a simple escrow to ensure what is now happening immediately stops. There are already state accounts and processes that can be easily converted for this purpose as initiatives were initially designed. Vermont residents are dying while we (you and me) are at the helm. Sickness and disease is encouraged and is thriving as (we the people) are put into extreme intolerable circumstances completely unmanaged and hopeless. Vermont homeless residents have no voice. They more often have idle hands without direction or encouragement to participate (for continued benefits) by doing daily required odd jobs around their resourced housing, serving meals, landscaping, childcare, passing classes that empower them with earned HS Diplomas, budgeting, parent effectiveness training, endless ways to use their minds and their hands quickly substantially reducing their stays, getting their security deposits returned in full to them (vs empowering the disrespectful hotel owners and landlords) and exiting successfully into our community and into workforce housing that has been puppeteered away from Vermont. Zero tolerance for alcohol and drugs, ZERO or that Vermont resident is simply not eligible for services, respectfully reducing the need for enforcement within these funded programs.

Listen to the Participants – right :) They will tell you firsthand what is needed. An On-Line simple Shelter Participant Satisfaction Survey! ...keeping you in check with how you, as leaders, are truthfully doing and the tools you need to quickly respond.

Homeless Resource Centers, Inc. is dedicated to breaking the cycle of homelessness, to serving the needs of the homeless and the hungry by providing emergency food and housing, voicing their concerns, and empowering them to take responsibility for their own lives and to call on the community to assist in these actions. People want to help people succeed; it is rewarding for every single person involved including you. This approach goes beyond the provision of basic shelter and sustenance needs for homeless persons, by providing a series of structured program centers and services that are focused on instilling the skills, knowledge and experience that are necessary to support self-sufficiency and promote positive, healthy life choices.

Housing focused, comprehensive resources that provide emergency shelter, life skills training, case management, primary medical care, and facilities for childcare. <https://www.khako.org/news/>

Their model:

Services

- Housing Placement – KHAKO case management team assists guests to become document ready for housing. Such documents may include identification cards, birth certificates, and employment verification. The Housing Specialist assists guests in finding affordable permanent housing.
- The Children’s Services Coordinator assists families with resources they may need in the community from educational rights to childcare services available in the community.
- Money Magic (budgeting class) – guests attend Money Magic to learn how to budget their money and save for the future.
- Housing Retention Services – after exiting the shelter for permanent housing, former participants will have 9 months of follow up services by the Housing Retention specialist to ensure a smooth transition from shelter to permanent housing.
- Kids Tutoring Service – We have volunteers from high schools who provide tutoring to all the school-aged children on site.

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Contact them – listen & learn – there is little reason to reinvent the wheel.

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We all come from varying lifetime experiences as a collective to our current roles. You, them, him, her...
...bring us to working together, will well managed accountable actions of everyone, for the first time in so long.

Good luck today. I trust it will be productive.

Rondene Wanner