



PENNSYLVANIA HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY

PHFA's Housing
Services Department
Best Practices

R J Schill Manor / High Tech: Bowling with Wii

Categories: Resident Participation

Outcomes:

- Social and physically activity for residents
- Tenants of all abilities are getting out of their apartments to participate.

Program Components:

- A little used common, accessible space in the building was used with an existing TV; only required purchase of Wii gaming system.
- Initial meeting with residents on how to use and care for gaming system was held.
- On-going coaching is being done by resident volunteers.
- Property Manager/Service Coordinator sets up monthly competition brackets in cooperation with resident volunteers.

Units: 73 Project-based Section 8 units for elderly in Lawrence County, Ellwood City.

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Background:

In 2007, 24% of Americans over age 50 played video games— an increase of 9% from 1999. Playing challenging games can be used to make physical exercises fun, as well as contributing to good mental health. Studies have shown that regular mental



activity can stave off conditions such as depression and senile dementia. This will create a unique, supportive and inclusive social activity for residents. You will be surprised at the enthusiastic response that you will receive from your tenants once you offer them this exciting new opportunity.

For more information,
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