



PHFA's Housing  
Services Department  
**Best Practices**

PENNSYLVANIA HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY

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**Chemung View Apartments/Center Without Walls**

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**Categories:** Access to Services

**Outcomes:**

Residents have easy access to a hot meal program and engaging activities through a collaborative effort with the Sayre Senior Center, service coordinator property manager.

Sayre Senior Center hosts a lunch program along with a variety of activities and educational events in the community room. The events are advertised to the community and open to all seniors aged 60 and older.

**Units:** Chemung View consists of 100 Section 8 units for residents aged 62 and older

**Program Components:**

- **Relationship with Senior Center.** The Service Coordinator and Property Manager were approached by the Senior Center Manager to work in collaboration hosting an event in the site's community room. The event was open to community members over the age of 60.
- **Scheduling.** The Service Coordinator and the Senior Center Manager coordinated their program calendars to select dates that would not conflict with other events in the community.

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- **Activity and Meal:** The Senior Center Manager and Center staff were responsible for making arrangements for the speaker and for the meals to be made available at the site.
- **Kitchen.** The Senior Center staff used the site's kitchen for food preparation and service.
- **Publicity.** The Service Coordinator and the Senior Center staff worked in coordination to publicize the program. The Service Coordinator published information about the events in the sites newsletter and posted flyers around the apartment complex. The Senior Center staff disseminated information about the events through the general community.

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**Background:**

Chemung View Apartments is a senior high-rise development for residents aged 62 and older and persons with disabilities.

**Investment in Services:**

Hosting the Senior Center programs at the site does not result in any direct costs to Chemung View Apartments. The Senior Center provides the resources to pay for the program. The meals are made available through funding by the Pa Department of Aging and the Bradford, Sullivan, Susquehanna and Tioga County Commissioners. There is no charge for the meal but donations are appreciated.

**Sites with Similar Programs:**

Philipsburg Towers, Philipsburg, Centre County  
Kelly Apartments, Lewisburg, Union County

**RESULTS**

**Resident participation** increases through community involvement. Both parties mutually benefit from increasing program enrollment.

**Residents have improved health** by eating well balanced meals in a group setting.

**Better marketing for the property** by being able to offer a larger variety of activities for the residents.

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