



PENNSYLVANIA HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY

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

Bellefield Dwellings/Focus on Health

Categories: Healthy Living

Outcomes:

Residents have a better understanding of their health. University student's volunteer for this community based learning experience. Residents interact with health professionals about specific concerns.

Program Components:

Annual Renewal of "Envelope of Life"

The Service Coordinator works with the City of Pittsburgh Paramedics and uses their "Envelope of Life" forms, magnets & stickers. The Pharmacy students (during their Spring Internship) see every resident to update their envelope. This ensures that all medical information and emergency contacts are updated at least annually. This because very useful for the paramedics since it lists the residents medications, health complications, doctors and hospital preferences.

Health Fair

At the end of the Pharmacy student internship, they put on a Health Fair for the residents. The community room is used and each table has a different health topic. The students use other Pitt students (i.e. Dental) and other agencies (i.e. Agewell, American Healthcare Group, Carnegie Library for the Blind, etc.). The residents are given a slip with each table listed. They go to each table and get their slip checked.

Residents who meet with all the booths get entered into a drawing. This year's winner received a basket of health products and an emergency kit. These prizes were donated from different agencies and stores (i.e. CVS).

Needs Assessment

While the Pharmacy students are completing the Envelope of Life they also have the needs survey that the students go over with the residents, fill out and return to the service coordinator. This informs the service coordinator of the needs of each resident.

Investment in Services:

All services are provided at no charge. The management company provides office space for the wellness services to be performed in a confidential setting.

Property: Bellefield Dwellings consists of 157 units funded by LIHTC and subsidized by a HUD Section 8 HAP Contract for elderly and people with disabilities.

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