

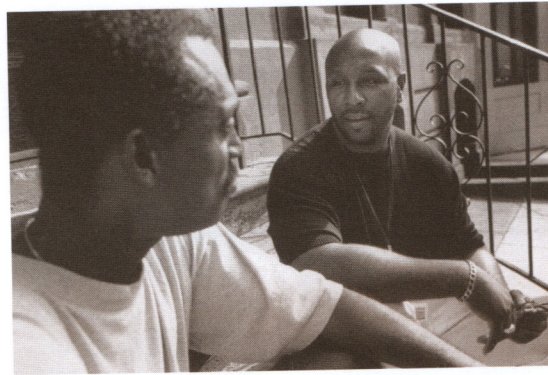


AIDS INTERFAITH RESIDENTIAL SERVICES PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

It is estimated that up to 60% of the homeless populations are living with HIV/AIDS in Baltimore City. (Baltimore City Task Force on Homelessness report 2000)

Housing is Healthcare; men, women and children who test positive for the disease must be in a stable housing environment in order to obtain HIV/AIDS medications from their health care provider.

Most homeless persons are ineligible for either public or private health insurance and therefore receive no primary or preventive care. (Baltimore City Task Force on Homelessness report 2000)



Christopher Myers

MARYLAND AIDS ADMINISTRATION

- *2,000 new HIV infections occur in Maryland every year
- *25,424 Marylanders are living with HIV/AIDS as of June 2003
- *50% of all living HIV/AIDS cases in Maryland are residents of Baltimore City
- *Maryland HIV/AIDS cases are predominantly African-American (82%), male (67%), and middle-aged-30-49 years old (73%)

BALTIMORE REPORTS

- *Baltimore has the third highest rate of reported AIDS cases of any major metropolitan area (50 cases per 100,000 population) and second greatest increase of AIDS in 2001 (*Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, December 2002, 13 (No. 2)*)
- *244 children under the age of 18 have AIDS, over 400 tested positive for HIV

CDC REPORTS ON YOUTH

- *More than 123,000 American have developed AIDS in their twenties, the majority of whom were likely infected in their teens
- *It is estimated that 250,000 young adults are unaware that they are infected
- *20,000 youth are infected annually
- *50% plus of all new HIV infections are among youth ages 13-24
- *66% of all infected youth contracted HIV via sexual contact
- *At least 1/3 of all infected youth have not been HIV tested
- *80% of gay youth are unaware that they are HIV positive



Michael Northrup

OUR MISSION

To provide residential services and a continuum of quality care and support that enhances the lives of low-income individuals and families living with or at risk of HIV/AIDS.

PERMANENT HOUSING PROGRAM

The Permanent Housing Program provides supportive housing for individuals and family members infected with HIV. Families receive a high level of support from a team that consists of a Case Manager, Chemical Dependency Counselor, Child Focus Worker and an Educational Mentor.

Low-income individual/families in which an adult member is living with HIV/AIDS are eligible for the AIRS programs.

DON MILLER HOUSE

The Don Miller House was begun by the Central Maryland Ecumenical Council to respond to the crisis of AIDS over 15 years ago. The home-like environment is designed for 10 low-income single adults with end-stage AIDS and co-occurring disabilities. Case management is provided by Project HOME of the Maryland State Department of Human Resources. If interested please contact Project HOME at 410-361-5005.

PROPERTY ASSET AND MANAGEMENT

The Property and Asset Management division affords AIRS the ability to expand its acquisition of real estate and the opportunities that stem from property ownership. The growth of the division helps secure the availability of affordable housing for disabled individuals/families.

The division also provides a Housing Readiness Program for each new tenant by providing them with cleaning supplies, training, and monthly inspections.

POSITIVE LIVING PROGRAM

The Positive Living Program is coordinated with the intake process as well as the daily case management provided to AIRS residents.

The Program provides training for the more than 150 formerly homeless and low-income PWA residents housed in AIRS housing programs. Programs are offered 3 times per month- once during the day and two evening classes. These programs include but are not limited to training, speakers on a single topic targeted to providing assistance to applicants and current residents to obtain and maintain housing.

FAITH IN ACTION®/VOLUNTEER

AIRS Faith in Action® Volunteer Program is the agency department that coordinates our volunteer efforts. Faith In Action®, a program of The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, is a nationwide network of interfaith care giving volunteer programs. These programs bring together volunteers of many faiths to help people who have long-term health conditions to enhance their quality of life by providing assistance with daily activities.

KEEPING THE DOORS OPEN

Providing housing and support service to people living with HIV/AIDS requires a diverse approach for generating needed and ongoing program and operating funds. Our stability and vitality depend on the generous support of the private sector individuals, foundations, community groups, corporations, civic and church groups and government agencies.



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