

The Apostles' House

The Apostles' House ("TAH") has been providing assistance to needy families and individuals in the city of Newark and also the surrounding Essex County area. The stated mission of TAH is to provide comprehensive social services to the homeless and at-risk families and individuals in an environment that encourages and enables self-sufficiency.

Currently, TAH assists over 14,000 men, women, and children via the following programs:

- **Emergency Family Shelter** – Provides shelter plus three meals a day, case management, substance abuse counseling, mental health services, and recreational activities. The shelter is staffed 24/7 in order to provide safety and security.
- **Transitional Housing** – Tailored to clients who are transitioning out of a shelter but are not yet ready to be totally independent. Affords clients their own apartment and some freedom regarding meal times, recreational activities and privacy. Also allows clients to receive After Care services (see below) and support in an environment that resembles permanent housing.
- **Multigenerational Home** – A transitional home for adolescent girls (typically 15-18 years old) and their babies. In addition to completing their education, mothers receive training in basic life and parenting skills that allow them to prepare for independent living.
- **Rooming House** – Provides safe, decent, and affordable housing for low-income men, of which many have disabilities. Dinner is served daily and services include health management, budgeting, and advocacy for the men's medical needs.
- **Housing Relocation** – Provides rental security assistance to low-income working families with dependent children.
- **Food Pantry** – One of the largest food pantries in Essex County, and also one of the few that are open five days per week. In addition, a special program provides food specifically to HIV/AIDS clients who are infected and affected by this disease.
- **Family Preservation** – Consists of families identified by the Department of Youth and Family Services (DYFS) as being in danger of foster home placement. This program provides support for these families with the goal of stabilizing and preserving the family structure in the form of providing information and referrals, face-to-face counseling, mentoring, and basic attention.
- **After Care** – Offers case management services including job training and placement, advocacy, help with school, doctors, day care, and accessing available services for low-income individuals.
- **Special Initiative** – Designed for those individuals who have the greatest number of barriers to self-sufficiency. These clients have histories of combined domestic violence, drug abuse, homelessness, developmental limitations, and sometimes physical limitations. The Program Instructor works with residents on raising self-esteem, dealing with anger management, parenting, language, reading, and math skills.

Most of the programs at TAH are on-going; therefore, the core programs tend to be stable. An item of concern is that due to the current economic situation, some people had to be denied assistance last year.

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