

Annual Report

2007-2008



MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITIES!



MISSION...Community Action Partnership enhances the quality of life in our communities throughout Western North Dakota through education, resources and services.



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Year in Review

Prairie Rose Center

144

Members at the PRC.

1801

Member van rides provided.

The purpose of the PRC is to provide a wide range of services designed for adults with a serious mental illness. These services help individuals to function in the community, achieve personal potential, and reduce the risk of hospitalization. It is also an accepting environment that fosters mental wellness. Activities include:

- Social and recreational activities at the center and in the community
- Goal oriented tasks such as cooking meals, computer skills, and social skills
- Volunteer opportunities for the members
- Commodity boxes
- Information and Referral
- Early Crisis Intervention
- Supportive Employment

5318

Member meals served.

2098

Volunteer hours contributed by members.

These activities have helped the PRC be successful in keeping members out of the State hospital. The center is open seven days a week, serves one meal a day, and provides daily transportation for all members. The center continues to see an increase in attendance and participation. The members enjoy the social aspect and feel very comfortable with staff.

13176

(Duplicated)
Clients served by local food pantries.

Food Assistance Programs

537

Participants in the Commodity Supplemental Food Program.

The demand for emergency food in Southwest North Dakota increased during the 2007-2008 fiscal year. This was due partly to increased food prices, increased fuel costs, and a general downward trend in our economy. Fortunately, CAP provides food programs to assist low-income individuals meet their nutritional needs. The programs listed below are all administered by CAP and provide food to clients year round.

The Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) is designed to provide food to individuals who are 60 and older. Participants receive a large box and bag of food every other month. Items include such things as pasta, breakfast cereal, cheese, canned goods, dried milk, etc.

The Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) is appropriated a certain dollar amount every year by Congress to be used by food pantries in Stark County and Western North Dakota. The local board determines the amount of funds to be used to purchase food. Funds must be used within a certain time-frame, usually between February and September. In fiscal year 2007-2008, Stark County received \$3,550 for food and Western North Dakota received \$7,400 for food.

The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) allocates funds to area food pantries to provide food for low-income individuals. TEFAP consists of funds and commodities used from the Great Plains Food Bank in Fargo. The amount of commodities/funds is distributed based on the needs in the area.

Clients Served

During Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Community Action Partnership served 2756 individuals in Regions I & VIII.

Income

- 73% had incomes of or below 100 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (< \$867/month - 1 person household)
- 9% had incomes from 101 to 125 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (\$868-\$1083/month - 1 person hshld)
- 18% had incomes over 125 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (> \$1084/month - 1 person household)

Gender

- 71% of our clients are female

Age

- 9% 0 to 17
- 24% 18 to 24
- 31% 24 to 44
- 11% 45 to 54
- 25% over the age of 55

Education

- 21% have earned a high school diploma
- 22% have completed a trade-school, 2 or 4 year college
- 17% grades 1 to 12 (non graduate)

Health

- 39% do not have health insurance
- 27% Medicaid
- 0% private insurance
- 15% are disabled

Family Structure

- 13% single parents
- 9% 2 parent households
- 55% single
- 8% 2 adults, no children

Employment

- 20% had no income
- 47% were employed
- 33% other (TANF/Social Security)

Housing

- 56% rent
- 12% homeless
- 32% other (own, live w/family/friends)

Meeting Needs

Adult Homeless Shelter: 68 homeless adults were provided up to a five week stay as they worked toward finding a job and permanent housing. 61 homeless individuals were provided limited housing in a local motel.

Energy Share: 48 families at risk of having their heat and lights shut off were assisted with utility bills.

Family Planning: 942 individuals accessed health and testing services.

Head Start: A total of 166 children received assistance; 17 in Hettinger County, 36 were home-based, and 113 at the Dickinson Center. By the end of the year 161 children accessed dental services and 166 had a designated medical home.

Helping Hands: 57 households received other construction modification on their homes for items that did not meet Weatherization or Home guidelines

HOME Program: rehabilitation work was done on 18 homes in Region VIII and 7 homes in Region I.

Individual Development Accounts: 7 individuals were able to pursue a college education with match.

Low-Income Apartment Management: Williston (16-plex) and Watford City (11-plex) have units for low-income households. A complex is located in Dickinson (6-plex) and Williston (8-plex) for individuals with mental disabilities.

Medication Assistance Program: 33 individuals were assisted in applying for and receiving free and low-cost medications from the nation's pharmaceutical companies.

Prevention: In Stark County the percentage of seatbelt use increased from 64% to 85%, which was #1 in the state.

Rental Assistance: 69 families were assisted in paying one month's rent to prevent eviction.

Security Deposit: 44 individuals who were homeless, were helped with payment of a security deposit to get them into permanent housing.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance: 507 individuals were assisted in filing their 2007 income taxes or stimulus packages.

Weatherization: energy saving measures were administered in 181 homes which included, insulation, caulking of windows and doors, pressure testing and diagnostics. In addition, 231 furnaces were cleaned and tuned, 37 were repaired, and 29 were replaced.

