

# **Next Step Housing: Transforming Lives, Building Futures**

An introduction to the Community Action Agency's Transitional Housing Program—a supportive initiative empowering individuals to transition from incarcerat independence.

"Transitional Housing is an investment in public safety, reducing recidivism, and helping justice-involved individuals achieve stability and independence."

## What Does Transitional Housing Provide?



#### **Temporary Housing**

A temporary, supportive living environment designed to help justice-involved individuals bridge the gap between incarceration and independent living.



#### **Support Services**

Offers tailored case management, job readiness training, mental health services, and life skills development to support successful reintegration.



#### Preventing Homelessness

Provides a stable housing foundation to reduce the risk of recidivism and homelessness, fostering long-term stability and self-sufficiency.

Transitional Housing is a critical investment in public safety and community well-being, offering justice-involved individuals a stable foundation and comprehensive support to reduce recidivism, break the cycle of homelessness, and foster lasting independence.



## **Our Approach**

**Needs Assessment** 

Reentry Planning & Admission

Wraparound Services

Securing Permanent Housing Ongoing

Monitoring and

Aftercare

We conduct a comprehensive risk, needs, and responsivity assessment to determine whether a potential resident requires a transition house and if they are likely to benefit from our services. This helps us ensure that individuals receive the appropriate support and structure needed for successful reintegration.

Prior to admission, case management works closely with the resident to identify both short- and long-term goals, as well as strategies for achieving them. These goals and strategies are outlined in the individualized reentry plan, which becomes part of the contractual agreement for admission.

The client is provided with temporary housing, such as a transitional living facility, along with comprehensive support services including case management, job search assistance, and cognitive behavioral therapy groups. Returning citizens are supported in finding and securing a stable, long-term housing solution that meets their needs and budget. This may include options such as housing with a relative, securing their own apartment, or finding a roommate arrangement. Our goal is to ensure they have a sustainable housing plan that supports their successful reintegration.

The program continues to provide support and resources to the client even after they have transitioned to permanent housing, ensuring their long-term stability and self-sufficiency.

## **Services Offered**

#### Temporary Housing

Provides safe and temporary accommodation for individuals in need.

#### Intensive Case Management

Offers personalized support and guidance to help clients navigate available resources and achieve their goals.

#### Job Search Assistance

Helps clients develop job search skills, create resumes, and connect with potential employers.

#### 7 Habits of Highly Effective People

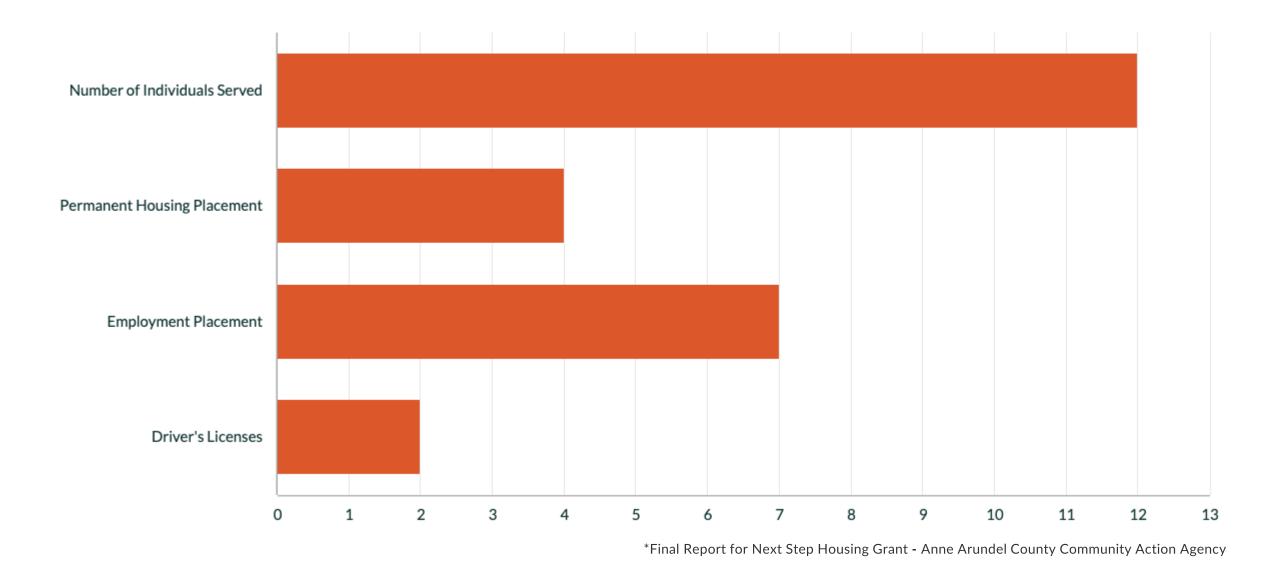
Provides workshops and resources to help clients improve their financial management skills.

#### Community Resource Connections

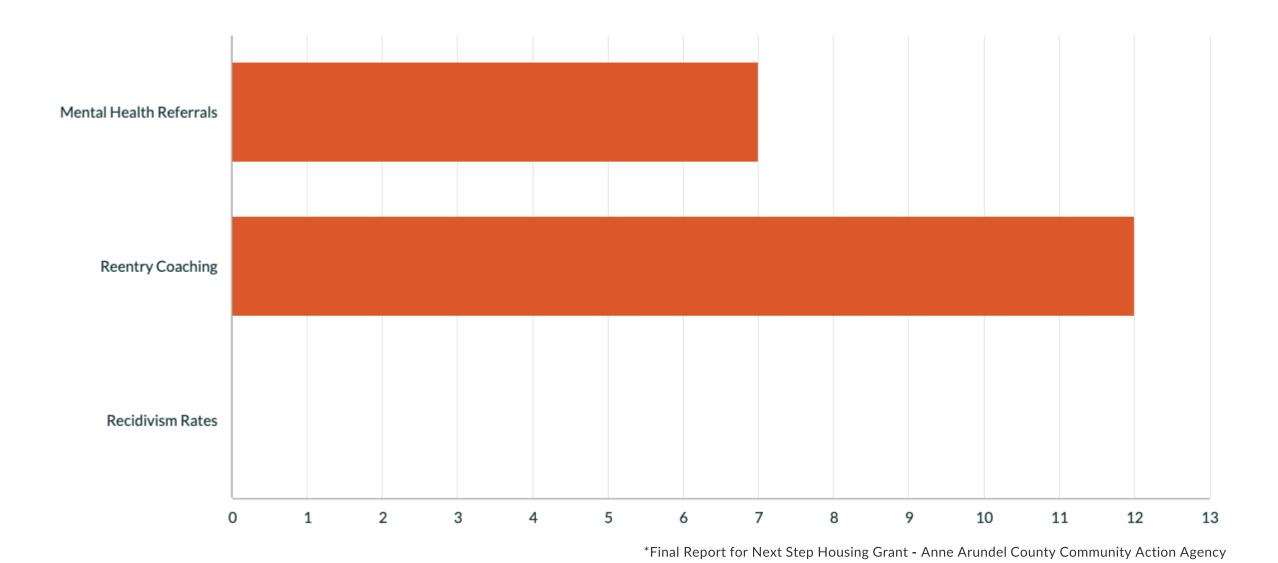
Connects clients with local organizations and services to address a variety of needs.



## **Program Outcomes**



# **Program Outcomes (Continued)**



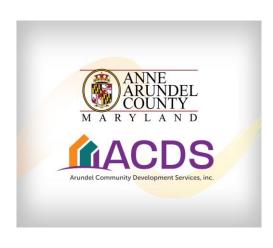


### **Our Partners**





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## **Deric Alicea**

Deric was released after serving \_months in the Anne Arundel County Detention Facilities. Before release, the Community Action Agency was well aware that without intervention, Deric would be homeless. Fortunately, Deric was picked up and provided with clothing, a phone, food, and, most importantly, shelter at the transitional house. After volunteering at the agency for 3 weeks, Deric was employed. This led to him being able to secure permanent housing with his mother and obtaining a vehicle immediately upon discharge.

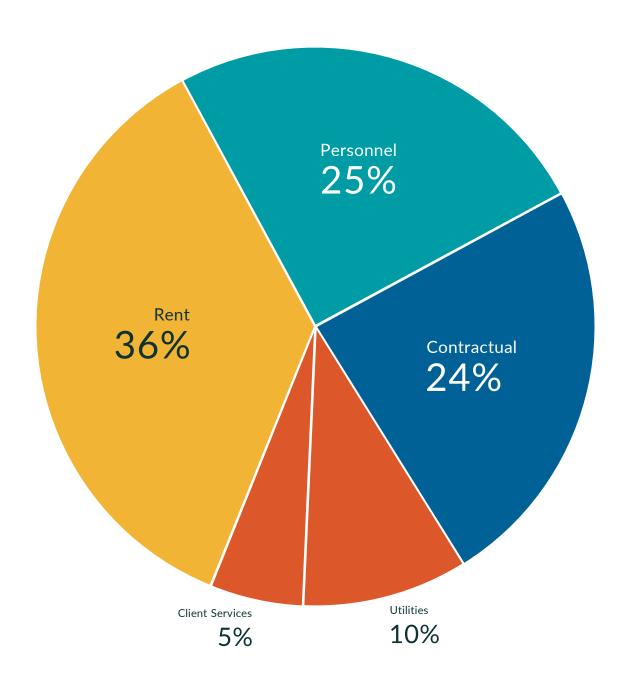


## **Bolen Wells**

Bolen Wells secured full-time employment at Luminis
Health Medical Center just two months after his release
from detention. Despite challenges with relapse, housing,
and transportation, he successfully reintegrated into the
community through a 28-day recovery program,
substance use support, assistance from Turnaround
Thursday, and the Transition House. Within five months,
he obtained stable housing with the Community Action
Agency's help, covering his first month's rent and security
deposit. Reflecting on his journey, Mr. Wells said,
"Without the program's help, I do not know where I would be
today. I am so grateful for this opportunity."









# **Investing \$100K Annually: Transformative 3-Year Impact Plan**

| OPERATING EXPENSES FOR PROJECT | TOTAL ANNUAL EXPENSES FOR PROJECT |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Program Director               | \$25,000                          |
| House Manager                  | \$24,000                          |
| Rent                           | \$36,000                          |
| Water/Sewer                    | \$1,000                           |
| Electric                       | \$5,000                           |
| Cable/Internet/Phone           | \$3,600                           |
| Client Services                | \$5,400                           |
| TOTAL                          | \$100,000                         |



# **Projected Impact**

## **Expected Program Impact**





# **QUESTIONS**