

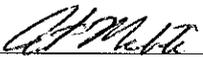
Renton ARISE Program
1st Quarter 2011 Narrative

The first quarter at the ARISE program went very well. The shelter was open every night, with a total of 1879 bednights being provided. There were seven men who reached their goal of moving into stable housing this quarter. The men continued to have case management provided twice a week at Saint Anthony's parish in Renton, where they identify their needs, recognize their strengths, and along with the case manager set goals with actions plans to attain their goals. They also receive referrals for housing, jobs, clothing, and other resources. Thanks to many caring individuals, the men were also provided with clothing, hygiene products, and other items to help them take care of themselves and keep up overall self esteem and positive moral. Coordination of services for medical, mental health and other treatment services continued to occur as well.

Two new programs were made available to the men, during the quarter. The program is a collaboration between Renton Housing Authority and Catholic Community Services to provide transitional housing in the Renton area for single homeless adults. Many of the ARISE men applied for this program and upon quarters end are currently awaiting approval.

The other is a manufacturing training program through Burst for Prosperity. SKC Shelter Services and Burst came together in this effort to help provide opportunity in reaching goals of full time employment and careers in manufacturing. The four week training program will be starting in the second quarter. At quarters end, many of the ARISE men had applied and are waiting to take the placement test.

To close, a success story bears mentioning. We had a client who came into the shelter in February 2011. He is a 46 year old Caucasian male who had recently been displaced from his housing in Renton. He came into the program and within 60 days had enrolled in the culinary arts program thru Farestart, and had obtained transitional housing at the William Booth Center in Seattle. The program does indeed have a profound positive impact on the men's lives, and helps them stabilize so they can work to achieve their goals of self sufficiency.


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