

**Homeless Provider Forum  
August 6, 2009  
Meeting Minutes**

**Dawn Lee, OC Partnership**

**Kelly Lupro, OC Community Services**

**Shelter Information & Openings**

Serving People in Need (SPIN) - GAPP Housing program has limited funding for first-time homeless families that are in need of permanent housing. They have immediate openings for the month **August**. Clients must be employed, and have children under the age of 18. If you have any questions, you can contact Serving People in Need (SPIN) directly at 714-751-1101 and speak with a case manager Katie Hook ext. 15, Carlos Lariz ext. 20.

Community Outreach of Covenant Presbyterian Church is the lead church of Christian Church Network Orange County (CCN-OC) is always open to other Christian churches coming to find out about the Network, so feel free to invite pastors or laypeople from other churches you have contact with. The Network meetings take place on the first Wednesday of every month and are held at Covenant Presbyterian in Orange. We have 2 phone numbers for contact. The agency only line is 1-714-637-8833 and agencies only email contact is at [outreach@covp.org](mailto:outreach@covp.org). Our client "Help Line" is 1-714-637-2085. Please make the necessary changes to your referral lists that you give to your clients.

Community of Faith has a new location – First Baptist Church of Anaheim, Broadway Christian Center, 701 West Broadway Avenue, Anaheim 92805. They will be serving hot food and giving out groceries every Friday. They welcome all comers. For more information, you can contact Kay Womack at 714-774-4444 ext. 14 or [kay@fbcanaheim.org](mailto:kay@fbcanaheim.org).

Support for student's whose families have lost their homes to foreclosure: If your family owned its home and lost it to foreclosure, or if your family was renting a home and the landlord lost it to foreclosure, and you are now living in a temporary situation, your preschool-aged and school-aged children may qualify for certain rights and protections under the McKinney-Vento Act. If you believe your child(ren) may be eligible for the support provided by the McKinney-Vento Act, contact the school district's Local Liaison or your State McKinney-Vento Coordinator. If you need further assistance, call the National Center for Homeless Education at its toll-free Helpline: 1-800-308-2145.

The Eli Home has an opening at the transitional shelter. We also have an opening at shared housing. Single mother with children up to 12 years old. Please contact their office for more information 714-300-0600.

South County Outreach has 2 openings in South Orange County for families with 1 to 4 children in their Transitional Housing Program. Call (949) 380-8144, ext. 205, for more information.

Permanent Apartment with Section 8 for Homeless Senior Citizen – Tyrol Plaza Senior Apartments at 891 S State College Blvd in Anaheim has a One-bedroom vacancy. Requirements include: age 62+, income less than \$19,550, referral letter from Anaheim Housing Authority, case manager certification of homelessness and and physician certification of disability. Contact Lorena at 714-778-5375.

Orange Coast Interfaith Shelter's funding sources for our Emergency Shelter Program have been dwindling over the past few years. Due to the budget constraints, the agency needed to make the decision to close their Emergency Shelter for families with children as of July 1, 2009. If they should get

funds to support the Emergency Shelter in the future, they will initiate the program again. The families who are currently in their Emergency Shelter Program will remain here until they are able to transfer them into their or another agency's residency program. No current residents will be asked to leave, unless a serious rule violation occurs. They will continue to operate their transitional housing programs in Costa Mesa, Tustin and Santa Ana. Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact Laura Miller via email at [Lmiller@ocinterfaithshelter.org](mailto:Lmiller@ocinterfaithshelter.org).

Formerly the Anaheim Collaborative is now The Collaborative to Assist Motel Families meets the first Tuesday of the month 9:30am-11:00am (or 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday following a holiday) at the Anaheim Downtown Community Center, 250 E. Center Street, Anaheim 92805. Government, school districts, faith-based organizations, housing organizations, and community based organizations join together for monthly network and resource sharing to increase the self-sufficiency of motel clients. Contact: Bob Cerince, Community Services Supervisor, (714) 765-4486 or [bcerince@anaheim.net](mailto:bcerince@anaheim.net) for further information.

Grandma's House of Hope has one opening for single women who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. Backgrounds may vary from Domestic Violence, addiction and recovery, mental health, physical disabilities and/or human trafficking. (Ages range from 18 to 80) This is a two year transitional living home that offers group and individual counseling, job search assistance, food, clothing, internet access, bible studies (voluntary) and most importantly; a safe place full of the promise of healing a hope. Weekly program fee is \$125 per week. Please refer your clients to Je'net Kreitner at (714) 457-3187 or (714) 636-3690. [www.GrandmasHouseofHope.org](http://www.GrandmasHouseofHope.org)

Orange Coast Interfaith Shelter has several of their families move on to permanent housing the past few weeks and that leaves them with 5 openings in their Transitional 1 program. Families in need of transitional shelter can call 949-631-7213 to be screened for intake appointments. Callers can leave their name and contact number, if no one answers, and a case manager will return the call - usually same day.

Thomas House (Garden Grove) will have 2 openings for families. The hotline number is 714-647-7534 for the homeless families. Case managers can call the office directly and ask to speak with one of our case managers at 714-554-0357.

Fullerton Interfaith Emergency Services (FIES) has openings in their Interfaith Shelter Network program. For further information you can contact 714-738-0534.

American Family Housing has openings in our permanent affordable housing. Please contact Cinthia at 714-897-3221 x113.

CalOptima shared information on some of the initiatives they have been working on to improve services for their members who are without housing. They have formed a community workgroup to provide input to CalOptima. The next meeting of the community workgroup will be held in October. If anyone is interested in being involved, please contact Dianna Daly at [ddaly@caloptima.org](mailto:ddaly@caloptima.org). Also, CalOptima has various health education materials available to share with providers. The Self-care guides are targeted for families and individuals who are in motels or transitional/supportive housing situations. There are three books available as a resource for housing sites or community organizations. There is also a CD with over 180 health education pieces that can be printed as any organization might find useful. All materials are free and available in English, Spanish and Vietnamese. An order form is available if you organization would like to receive any materials.

WISEPlace has bed space available, by referral from another shelter, in our Positive Step house. The person applying must have successfully completed another shelter program, and be working full-time (32+ hours per week). The Case manager, not the client, needs to call 714.542.3577 and speak with our Program Manager, Tiffany Tabares, for an application and the procedure for intake.

**Featured Topic: Signs & Symptoms of Alcohol & Drug Abuse/HIV/STD**

Marcene Marcus shared valuable insight on the psychology of homelessness.

Please join us for the next Homeless Provider Forum on Thursday, September 3, 2009  
at 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 am at Sisters of St. Joseph, 480 S. Batavia Street, in Orange.

PLEASE NOTE THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE MOTHER LOUIS ROOM.

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