



Mission

Brooklyn Community Housing & Services (BCHS) is committed to ending homelessness in Brooklyn. Each year, we provide safe and clean supportive housing for more than 1,000 formerly homeless women, children, and men. We help them learn how to live productively and independently, with dignity and hope.

Our programs provide short-term, transitional and permanent housing, homelessness prevention, personalized case management, mental health care, on-site nursing, vocational training, substance abuse counseling, recreational activities, and other vital services.

Outcomes

- BCHS programs prevent homelessness for **1,000** women, children, and men each year.
- The Arbor Inn program for homeless mothers with children placed **100%** of housing ready homeless families into permanent housing in the community this past year.
- BCHS' Brooklyn Housing Assistance Center, successfully prevented evictions for **100%** of the over **400** Brooklyn households that sought our help this past year.
- BCHS provides supportive housing for **412** formerly homeless individuals each day.

Summary

- What has always made BCHS unique in the field is **our commitment to creating a sense of community for all** of the formerly homeless residents who come to us, and then using this as a very concrete programmatic model and approach.
- Founded in 1978, BCHS has received awards such as the Fannie Mae Foundation's Maxwell Award for excellence in low-income housing development, as well as **top ratings** from the New York City Department of Homeless Services for the Arbor Inn program (mothers and children) and from the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene for Oak Hall (adults with chronic mental illness).
- Our clients are referred from the shelter system, psychiatric facilities, hospitals, and the community. In 2006, BCHS began serving formerly homeless individuals with histories of incarceration that has become a nationally recognized model.

