

Community and Supportive Services (CSS)

Key Objectives

- ❖ Develop a Community and Supportive Services (CSS) Plan that meets the needs of former and future residents of Brookside
 - This plan promotes self-sufficiency and independence and will enhance your quality of life
 - The Needs Assessment you have already filled out is the basis for the CSS Plan
- ❖ One of the major priorities at HUD is to assist public housing residents in their efforts to become financially self-sufficient and less dependent on direct government housing assistance. The HHA HOPE VI CSS Plan will include a feasible, well-defined, measurable endeavor that will assist residents in the transition of other affordable and market-rate housing.
 - Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) and CSS activities are included in the plan that will increase education and income levels
 - HHA is identifying the grass-roots, community-based and faith-based organizations that will join in this endeavor

CSS Process

- ❖ Determine resident needs and identify gaps in service
 - Existing demographic information on residents
 - Resident Survey
 - Information collected from local service providers
- ❖ Identify existing community assets
- ❖ Identify and secure commitments from partners that will work with PHA to meet the needs of the residents

CSS Program Elements

- ❖ High quality and results oriented
- ❖ Comprehensive case management system that will begin immediately upon grant award
- ❖ Targeted services for each segment of the population— elderly, adults and children
- ❖ Services may include employment training, adult education, computer literacy, homeownership counseling, health services, childcare and after school programs
- ❖ Neighborhood Network Center