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Homeless Prevention Project Program Evaluation Summary

Introduction

Cleveland Mediation Center has been using a combination of mediation and rental assistance to prevent eviction and homelessness since 1994. While the project has a high success rate of preventing eviction, there was no data on how long the rental assistance kept clients in housing.

To examine this, Cleveland Mediation Center began a program evaluation of cases from 2002-2007 from the Homeless Prevention Project. The evaluation was funded by the Eva L. and Joseph M. Breuning Foundation with additional support from the Sisters of Charity Foundation Eviction Prevention Project. Data was collected by a research assistant and was evaluated by Jill Rudd, Ph.D. The focus was to ascertain if the combined intervention of mediation and assistance had a higher success rate between sub-groups, and measure the overall effectiveness.

Sub-groups

- Currently unemployed, skilled
- Employed with temporary hardship
- Unskilled, unemployed
- Retired/SSI

Demographic Information

- 75% female
- 25% Male
- 82% Black
- 11% White
- 5% Latina/o
- 2% other

Geographic Information

- Cleveland 73%
- East Cleveland 4%
- Euclid 4%
- Warrensville 4%
- Lakewood 2%
- Bedford Heights 2%
- 30 Cities with 1% or less

Average Success Rate, **There was no significant statistical difference between the sub-groups**

- 56% overall average never evicted
- 100% were not evicted for 6 months
- 44% evicted after 8 months
- 59% not evicted in 2006