

# Asheville/Buncombe Mental Health/Substance Abuse Permanent Housing Resources



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FROM MOST RESTRICTIVE  
(MORE SUPERVISION/SUPPORT)



TO LEAST RESTRICTIVE  
(MORE INDEPENDENCE)

# Adult Mental Health Group Homes (Primary Mental Health)



**2 FACILITIES IN ASHEVILLE/BUNCOMBE  
THE DIVISION OF HEALTH SERVICE REGULATION LICENSES AND MONITORS  
THESE HOMES**

- 1. RIVERVIEW - 6 BED FACILITY IN WEST ASHEVILLE  
FOR MEN AND WOMEN- GROUP LIVING LOW,  
SUPPORTED WITH STATE FUNDS FROM WHN**
- 2. BILTMORE HOUSING, INC.- 6 BED FACILITY IN ARDEN FOR  
MEN AND WOMEN, TRANSITIONAL STAY FOR 6 MONTHS**

**FACILITIES ARE STAFFED  
24/7 WITH OVERNIGHT ASLEEP STAFF**

**FUNDS: SPECIAL ASSISTANCE AND PERSONAL CARE SERVICE FUNDING  
TOTALING APPROXIMATELY \$1700 PER MONTH PER RESIDENT (PERSONAL  
CARE SERVICE FUNDING TO CHANGE 12/31/2012)**

# Adult Care Homes



ADULT CARE HOMES HAVE 7 OR MORE BEDS

THERE ARE 22 FACILITIES IN ASHEVILLE/BUNCOMBE  
A TOTAL OF 885 BEDS

BUNCOMBE COUNTY  
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES  
LICENSES AND MONITORS THESE HOMES

FACILITIES ARE STAFFED 24/7 WITH OVERNIGHT ASLEEP STAFF

GERIATRIC ADULT SPECIALTY TEAM PROVIDES SPECIALIZED  
MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING TO STAFF AND ADMINISTRATORS

FUNDS: SPECIAL ASSISTANCE AND PERSONAL CARE SERVICE  
FUNDING TOTALING APPROXIMATELY \$1700 PER MONTH PER  
RESIDENT (PERSONAL CARE SERVICE FUNDING TO CHANGE  
12/31/2012)

# Family Care Homes



FAMILY CARE HOMES HAVE UP TO 6 BEDS

THERE ARE 65 FACILITIES IN ASHEVILLE/BUNCOMBE  
A TOTAL OF 386 BEDS

BUNCOMBE COUNTY  
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES  
LICENSES AND MONITORS THESE HOMES

FACILITIES ARE STAFFED 24/7 WITH OVERNIGHT ASLEEP STAFF

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MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING TO STAFF AND ADMINISTRATORS

FUNDS: SPECIAL ASSISTANCE AND PERSONAL CARE SERVICE  
FUNDING TOTALING APPROXIMATELY \$1700 PER MONTH PER  
RESIDENT (PERSONAL CARE SERVICE FUNDING TO CHANGE  
12/31/2012)

# Transitional Homes



BILTMORE HOUSING, INC. ESTABLISHED IN 2011  
PROVIDES UNLICENSED TRANSITIONAL HOUSING IN  
4 FACILITIES IN ASHEVILLE CITY  
A TOTAL OF 20 BEDS

TENDS TO HAVE OPENINGS  
DUE TO TRANSITIONAL STAY

FUNDS: RESIDENTS PAY \$20 PER NIGHT; UTILIZE  
FOOD STAMPS



# Apartment Buildings/Homes Specifically for Primary Mental Health Population



WNC HOUSING, INC. HAS 16 APARTMENT BUILDINGS/HOMES THAT HOUSE A TOTAL OF 63 INDIVIDUALS WITH SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS

PROPERTIES WERE BUILT WITH EITHER THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT FUNDS OR NORTH CAROLINA HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY FUNDS

TRI-STATE PROPERTY MANAGEMENT WITH SYNERGY IN ACTION TENANT CASE MANAGEMENT

FIRST PROPERTY BUILT IN 1984, LAST PROPERTY BUILT IN 2007

FUNDS: HUD/NCHFA COVERS RENT/UTILITIES

# DHHS Targeted Housing Program (Key Housing)



THERE ARE 8 APARTMENT BUILDINGS IN  
ASHEVILLE/BUNCOMBE THAT HAVE UNITS FOR  
INDIVIDUALS/HEADS OF HOUSEHOLD WITH  
DISABILITIES

INDIVIDUALS/HEADS OF HOUSEHOLD ARE REFERRED  
BY REFERRING AGENCIES (MH PROVIDERS) APPROVED  
BY DHHS

REFERRAL AGENCIES ARE CALLED BY LEAD AGENCY  
STAFF IF ISSUES ARISE FOR TENANTS. REFERRAL  
AGENCY STAFF ARE EXPECTED TO RESPOND.

FUNDS: INDIVIDUALS/HEADS OF HOUSEHOLD MUST  
HAVE DISABILITY INCOME/KEY RENTAL ASSISTANCE  
COVERS REMAINING RENT COSTS



# Oxford House



7 OXFORD HOUSES IN ASHEVILLE/BUNCOMBE  
17 BEDS FOR WOMEN/35 BEDS FOR MEN

FOR INDIVIDUALS IN RECOVERY  
FROM SUBSTANCE ABUSE

NO LIMIT ON STAY

EACH HOME HAS A LEAD RESIDENT. REGIONAL  
OXFORD HOUSE STAFF CAN RESPOND TO TENANT  
ISSUES.

INDIVIDUALS PAY RENT  
AND MUST FIND EMPLOYMENT  
WITHIN FIRST 2 WEEKS OF STAY

# Institutions for Mental Disease (IMD) Assessment Process



FACILITIES WITH 17 OR MORE BEDS ARE BEING ASSESSED BY THE STATE MEDICAID AGENCY, DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE, TO SEE IF 50% OR MORE OF THEIR RESIDENTS HAVE A DIAGNOSIS OF MENTAL ILLNESS.

IF A FACILITY MEETS THIS CRITERIA, THEN DMA CONDUCTS AN ON-SITE REVIEW TO DETERMINE IF THE FACILITY MEETS THE CRITERIA OF AN IMD.

A FACILITY IS CONSIDERED AN IMD IF ITS OVERALL CHARACTER IS THAT OF A FACILITY ESTABLISHED AND MAINTAINED PRIMARILY FOR THE CARE AND TREATMENT OF INDIVIDUALS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS, WHETHER OR NOT IT IS LICENSED AS SUCH A FACILITY.

MEDICAID WILL NOT COVER THE CARE AND TREATMENT OF INDIVIDUALS PLACED IN IMDS.

# Institutions for Mental Disease (IMD) Assessment Process



THE ASSESSMENT PROCESS IS CURRENTLY IN PHASE II.

IN PHASE I, 3 ADULT CARE HOMES IN ASHEVILLE/BUNCOMBE WERE  
DETERMINED BY DMA TO BE IMDS:

CANTERBURY HILLS  
AVALON HILLS  
CANDLER LIVING CENTER

A TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER WAS ISSUED AND LATER EXTENDED  
WHICH STALLED THE DETERMINATION PROCESS.

THESE FACILITIES ARE NOW IN PHASE II OF THE ASSESSMENT PROCESS.

# Institutions for Mental Disease (IMD) Assessment Process



AN INJUNCTION WAS GRANTED IN EARLY OCTOBER 2012 REGARDING SOME FACILITIES DETERMINED TO BE IMDS – THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA WILL PROVIDE 100% OF MEDICAID FUNDS TO SUPPORT INDIVIDUALS IN THESE FACILITIES.

THIS INJUNCTION WILL MOVE TO A HEARING IN EARLY 2013.

THE EXPECTATION IS THAT AS ADDITIONAL FACILITIES ARE DETERMINED TO BE IMDS, THEY TOO WILL TAKE THIS ISSUE TO COURT AND WILL BE ISSUED THE SAME OUTCOME – TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDERS LEADING TO INJUNCTIONS.

# Department of Justice Settlement Agreement



RESULT OF COMPLAINT TO THE FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE BY DISABILITY RIGHTS, NC IN JULY OF 2010.

FEDERAL AND NC STATE GOVERNMENTS CAME TO AN AGREEMENT IN JULY OF 2012. NC IS IN THE PROCESS OF DEVELOPING THE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR THIS AGREEMENT.

THE PLAN FOR THE AGREEMENT WILL START IN FEBRUARY 2013.



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## WHAT DOES THE AGREEMENT LOOKS LIKE?

1. COMMUNITY BASED SUPPORTIVE HOUSING – “HOUSING SLOTS”
2. COMMUNITY BASED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES – ASSERTIVE COMMUNITY TREATMENT TEAMS, SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT SERVICES
3. IN-REACH – WHN STAFF TO MEET WITH ADULT CARE HOME RESIDENTS AND INDIVIDUALS IN STATE HOSPITALS TO INFORM THEM OF COMMUNITY BASED HOUSING OPTIONS
4. DISCHARGE & TRANSITION – EFFECTIVE STATE HOSPITAL DISCHARGE PLANS AND ADULT CARE HOME TRANSITION PLANS WILL BE DEVELOPED
5. PRE-ADMISSION SCREENING AND DIVERSION – FOR INDIVIDUALS BEING CONSIDERED FOR ADULT CARE HOME PLACEMENT; ASSESS FOR SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS AND REFERRAL TO WHN
6. QUALITY ASSURANCE AND PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT – STATE WILL MONITOR PLACEMENTS AND SERVICES ARE DEVELOPED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS AGREEMENT