

2014 Statistics

Since inception:

- Sierra House has served 207 women and children. Of the total population served:
 - 143 were adults and 64 were babies
 - 20.75 years old was the average age of the adults served
 - 2 years old was the average age of the babies served
- Of the total population of women served the demographics are as follows:
 - 12 out of 207 or 6% were Hispanic: (10 adults and 2 child)
 - 5 out of 207 or 3% were Non-Hispanic: White (3 adults and 2 children)
 - 190 out of 207 or 91% were Non-Hispanic: Black (131 adults and 59 children)
- How they learned of Sierra House (as per the waiting list):
 - 79 out of 167 or 48% were referred through word of mouth
 - 43 out of 167 or 21% were referred through a community organization
 - 18 out of 167 or 12% were referred by a teacher or social worker
 - 10 out of 167 or 9% were referred by other means
 - 17 out of 167 or 10% was unknown
- At intake (before being enrolled):
 - 92 out of 143 or 66% had earned a HS diploma or GED
 - 44 out of 143 or 29% had not earned their HS diploma or GED
 - 7 out of 143 or 5% were unknown
 - 29 out of 143 or 12% were enrolled in HS or a GED program and/or post secondary education/job training
 - 109 out of 143 or 77% were unemployed
 - 34 out of 143 or 23% were employed
 - 9 out of 143 or 3% received unemployment benefits
 - 50 out of 143 or 37% were mothers
- At intake, program participants reported their last place of residence as follows:
 - 111 out of 143 or 77% previously resided in Essex County
 - 16 out of 143 or 12% previously resided in Union County
 - 5 out of 143 or 3% previously resided in Hudson County

- 2 out of 143 or 2% previously resided in Mercer County
- 2 out of 143 or 1% previously resided in Middlesex County
- 1 out of 143 or 1% previously resided in Morris County
- 3 out of 143 or 2% previously resided in other towns, counties or states
- 3 out of 143 or 2% unknown

- While living at Sierra House:
 - Of those who were not in school or enrolled in a GED/HS Diploma or post-secondary program (114), 32% enrolled in college or other postsecondary programs
 - Of those who were not employed at intake (109), 51% became employed
 - Of those who did not have their HS Diploma or GED (44), 20% received their HS diplomas/GED
 - 111 out of 143 or 78% were connected to community resources including housing, public assistance, financial aid, etc.
 - 4 out of 143 or 3% became pregnant
 - 18 out of 143 or 13% were terminated for noncompliance

- Of the total adult population (143):
 - 18 out of 143 or 13% were terminated for noncompliance
 - 14 out of 143 or 10% are currently enrolled in the program
 - 3 out of 143 or 21% were transferred to other shelters
 - 108 out of 143 or 76% transitioned to self-sufficiency

- Of the total adult population that have left the program (131):
 - 108 out of 131 or 84% transitioned to self-sufficiency
 - Of that number (108):
 - 37 out of 108 or 34% were reunified with their families
 - 10 out of 108 or 9% moved in with their boyfriend, husband or significant other
 - 14 out of 108 or 13% moved in a shared apartment
 - 47 out of 108 or 44% transitioned to self-sufficiency ie: their own home.

- Of the total amount of babies served (64):
 - 34 out of 64 or 53% were males
 - 30 out of 64 or 47% were females
 - 2 years old was the average age of the babies served

In 2014:

- Sierra House served 57 women and children. Of the total population served:
 - 41 were adults and 16 were babies
 - 20.5 is the average adult age of the adults served
 - 24.75 months was the average age of the children
- In 2014, of the total population served the demographics are as follows:
 - 2 out of 57 or 4% were Hispanic: (2 adults)
 - 1 out of 57 or 2% were Non-Hispanic: White (1 adult)
 - 54 out of 57 or 94% were Non-Hispanic: Black (38 adults and 16 children)
- At intake (before being enrolled in the program) income was recorded as follows:
 - 10 out of 41 or 24% were employed
 - 31 out of 41 or 76% were unemployed
 - 17 out of 41 or 34% did not have any source of income
 - 8 out of 41 or 20% received public assistance
 - 6 out of 41 or 15% received wages from other sources i.e. unemployment or social security
 - 3 out of 6 or 50% were receiving unemployment benefits
 - 3 out of 6 or 50% were receiving social security benefits
- At intake (before being enrolled in the program) education was recorded as follows:
 - 21 out of 41 or 51% had their HS Diploma
 - 3 out of 26 or 12% had a GED
 - 15 out of 41 or 37% did not have a GED or HS Diploma
- At intake, program participants family status were as follows:
 - 8 out of 41 or 20% were pregnant
 - 12 out of 41 or 29% had children before entering Sierra House
 - 21 out of 41 or 51% were single (did not have children and were not pregnant)
- At intake, program participants reported their last place of residence as follows:
 - 34 out of 41 or 84% previously resided in Essex County
 - 5 out of 41 or 12% previously resided in Union County
 - 1 out of 41 or 2% previously resided in Hudson County
 - 1 out of 41 or 2% previously resided in Hunterdon County
- While enrolled at Sierra House:
 - 36 out of 41 or 88% received some form of public assistance
 - Of those who were not receiving unemployment compensation (38); 5 out of 38 or 13% received unemployment benefits

- Of those who were unemployed (31); 20 out of 31 or 65% were employed
- 5 out of 41 or 12% received other sources of income including social security, child support, etc.
- Of those who were not enrolled in school (27); 20 out of 27 or 44% were enrolled in school including high school, college or other postsecondary programs
- Of those who did not have a HS/GED (2), 49% earned their High School diploma or GED
- 1 out of 41 or 2% became pregnant

- While at Sierra House:
 - 12 out of 41 or 29% are still enrolled in the program
 - 24 out of 41 or 57% successfully transitioned to self-sufficiency. Some of them received TRA or some form of subsidized housing.
 - 4 out of 41 or 10% were terminated for noncompliance
 - 1 out of 41 or 4% moved into other shelters

- Of those who left the program in 2014 (28):
 - 24 out of 28 or 86% successfully transitioned to self-sufficiency:
 - 9 out of 28 or 32% transitioned into their own apartment
 - 15 out of 28 or 54% moved into shared apartments or with family
 - 1 out of 28 or 4% moved into another shelter
 - 4 out of 28 or 14% were terminated for noncompliance

- Of those who left the program in 2014:
 - 14 out of 28 or 50% were employed
 - 14 out of 28 or 50% were unemployed
 - Of those who were unemployed (14):
 - 1 out of 14 or 7% received unemployment benefits
 - 10 out of 14 or 71 % received public assistance i.e. cash or food stamps
 - 3 out of 14 or 22% received their high school diploma/GED

 - 8 out of 28 or 29% received TRA or some form of housing assistance
 - 18 out of 28 or 71% did not receive any housing assistance

 - 3 out of 28 or 11% were enrolled in a post-secondary school

 - 28 out of 28 or 100% actively participated in Sierra House life skills classes
 - 1 out of 28 or 4% were pregnant

- Of the total amount of babies served (16), the demographics were as follows:

- 9 out of 16 or 56% were males
 - 7 out of 16 or 44% were females
 - 24.75 months was the average age of the children
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- Between January 1, 2014 and December 31, 2014, Sierra House had 65 names on the waiting list. Of this number:
 - The average wait list time was 4 to 5 months
 - 35 out of 65 or 54% already had a child when placed on waiting list
 - 18 out of 65 or 28% of the waiting list applicants were pregnant (with no other children)
 - 12 out of 65 or 18% of the waiting list applicants were single (no children and were not pregnant)
 - The average age of waiting list applicants was 20 years old
 - The average age of waiting list applicants' babies were 6 months