

The North Carolina Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services has received federal funding through The Projects to Assist in the Transition from Homelessness for over 10 years. The anticipated award amount for FY 05-06 is \$943,000. This is an increase from the FY 04-05 award of \$846,000.

The funding is used to support a Case Manager to provide assertive outreach, engagement and time-limited case management services to individuals who are literally homeless and have serious mental illness. These individuals can have co-occurring disorders. These individuals are not receiving any mental health services. The PATH Case Manager outreaches these individuals in the street, or shelters and engages them into receiving services such as housing, survival support, medical, mental health and substance abuse services, to name a few.

PATH Programs are located in the following Local Management Entities:

CenterPoint Human Services,
Crossroads Behavioral Healthcare,
Cumberland County Mental Health,
Durham Center Providing Behavioral Health & Disability Services,
Mecklenburg County Health, Mental Health & Community Services Department,
Orange-Person-Chatham MH/DD/SA Authority,
Pathways MH/DD/SA
Pitt County MH/DD/SA Center,
Southeastern Center for MH/DD/SAS
Wake County Human Services
Western Highlands Network

All of the Programs serve adults. Crossroads Behavioral Healthcare, Cumberland County Mental Health, and the Durham Center an adult program and a child program. The Child PATH Programs targets older, runaway youths who have serious emotional disorders.

The Division is requesting feedback and recommendations as to the use of the PATH funding. Responses are to be sent to Debbie Webster, 919-715-2774 or e-mail, debbie.webster@ncmail.net by March 10, 2005.