

Abyssinian House

Family Services



Mural project on display inside Abyssinian House

Program Description

The Abyssinian Baptist Church established the Samuel D. Proctor-Abyssinian House Tier II family shelter in 1992 in response to the social distress and housing crisis experienced by Harlem residents. The residence was one of Abyssinian Development Corporation's first efforts to revitalize the Harlem community and continues to meet the needs of 25 displaced families throughout the New York City area.

Samuel D. Proctor/Abyssinian House utilizes a collaborative strength based approach to assist families in moving toward self-sufficiency into permanent housing.

Services Provided

- Intensive Case Management
- Permanent Housing Placements
- Onsite childcare
- Enrichment Services
- Linkages to Human Resource Administration (HRA) programs, Vocational/job training referrals, health/mental health/substance abuse referrals and supportive counselling
- Life Planning Workshops

Eligibility Criteria

Eligibility to the program is determined by the NYC Department of Homeless Services for families requesting temporary housing.

Achievements & Highlights

- Abyssinian House was the recipient of the 1st Bright Space in NYC developed by The Bright Horizons Foundation for Children in a homeless residence in May 2007
- Murals in the lobby designed by Creative Arts Workshop for Kids designed to brighten and enhance the building.
- The shelter has moved over 400 families to permanent housing since opening.

Enrollment Process

All referrals to the Abyssinian House come through the NYC Department of Homeless Services (DHS).



If the family is found eligible for temporary housing assistance, they will stay at Abyssinian House until permanent housing is secured.



If the family is referred to the residence as eligible status, they have been through the shelter system before, re-entering or transferring from another shelter.

Program Duration

July to June year round

Hours of Operation

Abyssinian House is in operation 24 hours a day, with business office hours from Monday to Friday, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

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About Abyssinian Development Corporation

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- **Quality Housing**
- **Social Services/Advocacy**
- **Economic Revitalization**
- **Education**
- **Civic Engagement**

Harlem Economic Literacy Program (H.E.L.P.)

Homeownership



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Program Description

Since 2000, Abyssinian Development Corporation has delivered high-quality housing counselling through its Harlem Economic Literacy Program (H.E.L.P.), one of the only programs in Harlem that effectively meet the needs of the community through its unique offering of pre and post purchase education, and ongoing individual counselling. ADC is a trusted resource for homeowners who are in need of sound financial advice and support. Homeownership is an effective method to assist families in building assets, achieving security and providing greater stability for their children. It continues to be a major driving force in the health of communities like Harlem and across the nation and greater self-sufficiency in their lives.

Methodology/Approach

ADC employs both group workshops and individual counselling to prepare NYC residents for homeownership. Participants receiving HELP education and counselling services will experience an increased knowledge of the importance of building assets while boosting income as through savings and homeownership, allowing them to play a significant role in the economic improvement of Harlem.

Services Provided

Pre-Purchase Services

- Home Buyers Educational Seminars
- Individual Counselling
- HPD-Homefirst Loan Grant / and other Grant Assistance Programs
- Section 8 Homeownership Counselling

Post-Purchase Services

- Foreclosure Prevention and Resolution Counselling
- Transitional Counselling
- Homes Affordable Loan Modification (HAMP) Application

Recent Outcomes

To date, H.E.L.P. has educated more than 2,500 people on financial literacy and the homeownership process.

Eligibility Criteria

Services are available to all NYC residents, but are targeted to those with low or low-moderate incomes. There are no income restrictions to the program.

All who complete the series will receive a Certificate of Completion.

Enrolment Process

Applications are available upon request by email, regular mail or direct pick up from ADC offices. Slots are filled on a “first come, first served” basis. There is a small registration fee.

Program Duration

January – December
(inclusive of individual counselling sessions)

Hours of Operation

Monday through Friday from 10:00am – 6:00pm
Educational Seminars/Workshops: as scheduled
(typically 6:00pm – 9:00pm)

Location

Abyssinian Development Corporation Main Offices
2283 7th Avenue
New York, NY 10030

Contact Information

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YouthBuild



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Abyssinian Development Corporation YouthBuild is a program designed to serve the needs of Harlem youth ages 17-24. Through YouthBuild services, young people work toward their GED, learn job skills and serve their communities by building affordable housing and becoming community leaders.

The ADC YouthBuild program model integrates education, leadership development, counseling, and vocational training skills (construction, healthcare, hospitality), along with resources for graduates. Students are provided with comprehensive services and support to develop knowledge, skills, and enthusiasm for post secondary success.

Target Population

ADC recruits 40 low-income high school drop outs, ages 17 – 24, for a 10 month YouthBuild program cycle.

Services Provided

The YouthBuild Program has five main components:

1. GED Instruction
2. Construction Training
3. Leadership Development
4. Counseling
5. Graduate Services

Program Duration

The program operates for 38 weeks (10 month period) from September to June.

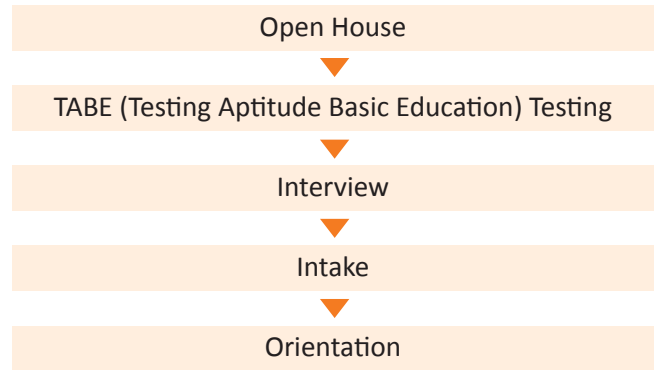
Eligibility Criteria

Participants must be between the ages of 17 and 24, without a high school diploma or GED Certification

AND one or more of the following:

- A member of a low-income family
- A youth in foster care
(including youth aging out of foster care)
- A youth offender
- The child of an incarcerated parent
- A migrant youth

Enrollment Process



Hours of Operation

Monday - Friday, 8:00am – 4:00pm

Location

669 Lenox Avenue
New York, NY 10037

Contact Information

General Information Desk
(646) 230-0579

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Senior Services



Program Description

ADC's Senior Services support residents at Abyssinian Towers, a 99-unit Senior Citizen housing development. This program takes a holistic approach to support the whole person, promoting the health and well-being of each individual.

Through thorough case management and supportive services, older adults are enabled to maintain autonomy and independence. As a result, individuals can successfully age with dignity in the familiar comfort of their own home.

Meals are provided every M-F at a reduced fee. Exercise classes, computer classes, and other recreation, such as Bingo, occur weekly.

Eligibility Criteria

Must be a Senior 60+ years of age, or 55+ with documented disability.

Services Provided

- Case Management
- Advocacy
- Information/Referrals
- Health Screenings
- Elder Law Assistance through VOLS (Volunteers of Legal Services)
- Fitness Classes
- Computer Classes
- Daily Lunch
- Social/Cultural Enrichment and Recreation

Hours of Operation

Monday: 9am-7:30pm

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 9am-5pm

Thursday: 9am-7pm

Location

50 West 131st Street

New York, NY 10030

Contact Information

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