Healthy Homes: The Peer Experts Supportive Housing Program
State of New Mexico Human Services Department

Local Service Area: Santa Fe County

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Evidence-Based Practice(s): Permanent Supportive Housing

Project Description: Healthy Homes: The Peer Experts Supportive Housing Program is a statewide infrastructure development initiative to expand and enhance the capacity of New Mexico’s behavioral health system to provide evidence-based Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) to adults with serious mental illness (SMI) and co-occurring substance use disorders who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. The project goals are to: 1) improve access to PSH for adults with SMI by enhancing workforce development, collaboration between housing and services agencies, and policy development; 2) develop an innovative role for Certified Peer Support Specialists (CPSS) with supportive housing expertise; 3) expand coordination between housing agencies and behavioral health agencies; 4) ensure outreach to traditionally underserved communities such as rural New Mexicans and veterans; and 5) support the development of a sustainable PSH approach in the state.