

1. Advocacy - new building will allow WCCAO to:

- bring groups of low income people together:
  - to discuss needs, concerns, and issues for planning
  - to provide education and self-esteem building that will empower families to appropriately and effectively address and resolve problems
  - to develop an articulation of needs to be presented to policy and decision makers (local govt., school boards, neighborhood planning associations, etc.)
- convene broad based community planning efforts to identify the highest priority needs of the poor and to develop co-ordinated advocacy strategies
- have confidential interview space that will allow clients to be more open about their needs so that staff can more effectively advocate on an individual basis or teach self-advocacy approaches
- address clients needs more holistically and more comprehensively
- gather more complete information on gaps in services, barriers to eligibility and barriers to moving out of poverty, information which will help to shape advocacy priorities

2. Partnerships with Other Agencies- new building will allow WCCAO to:

- provide floater space for other agencies to use on a rotating basis such as space for "circuit riders" from other agencies to provide services at a specified time each week, (shared housing counselor; drug and alcohol counselor; domestic violence outreach worker, etc.)
- provide space for local social service groups to hold regular meetings such as the Washington County Human Services Coalition, Housing Development Corporation, Housing Services Coalition, Wash. Co. I & R Coalition, Hispanic Family Services Coalition.
- provide space for team work with other agencies, such as:
  - Brown Bag distribution for Oregon Food Bank
  - WCCAO, TCM & DVRC transitional housing selection committee
  - WCCAO, TCM & DVRC homeless case management team coordinator
  - Migrant camp outreach teams
  - Mortgage default prevention team (WCCAO, Oregon Housing Services and Consumer Credit Counseling)
  - WCCAO, Hillsboro Police, and Hillsboro Ministerial Assoc. Emergency Services Team
  - AFS Migrant Food Stamp outreach program
- provide space for and coordinate classes with:
  - PCC/ESL
  - Centro & Intercom Language School/Spanish
  - DVRC/Abuse prevention
  - Ayuda and Wash. Co. - Drug and Alcohol
  - Healthy Start - prenatal
  - Wash. Co. - Aids, HIV, Infection Control
  - Co. Extension - budgeting and food prep.

and so on, to serve WCCAO clients.

- Partnership Efforts:

- 1) Mortgage Default Prevention - WCCAO managing

- funded by NW area foundation
- receiving funds from US membership bank for low income loans and grants
- subcontracting with Oregon Housing Services and Consumer Credit Counseling for case management.
- WCCAO I & R referring clients

- 2) Washington County I & R System

- Established by Co-op Library; computer resource directory set up in each library and six agencies; modems and hardware provided to agencies.
- WCCAO serves as lead and keeps directory updated and convenes monthly provider meetings.

- 3) Transitional Housing

- City of Beaverton, Washington Co. and Coalition of churches have provided homes.
- WCCAO manages.
- WCCAO, TCM and DVRC cooperatively decide which families will be housed from the three shelters
- US Bank provided funds to repair and remodel.

- 4) T.V.F.C.

- 42 member agencies.
- provide food for hot meals at Centro.
- provide food to all migrant camps.
- Regional Coordinating Agency of OFB.
- negotiating transfer of program to OFB
- will contract funds to them and remain partner.

- 5) Dept. of Aging Services

- Transferred RSVP to them; coordinate for the placement of volunteers.
- Partner in Meyer Trust Project
  - Hispanic Elders
  - receiving training to better serve hispanic elders
  - working with "promoters"

- 6) Cancer Prevention

- coordinating with Cancer Society, Health Dept. and St. Vincent Hospital to implement a pilot early detection/prevention effort focuses in low income neighborhoods with high incidence of cancer, utilizing volunteers.

- 7) Self-Sufficiency

- partnered with P.C.C. New Directions, Univ. of Portland, AFS and Kaiser Permanente to demonstrate effective family self-sufficiency approaches with a special focus in hispanic families.

8) Youth Roundtable

- worked with Business and Education leaders to establish partnership strategies to reduce the high school drop out rate.

9) Head Start

- Gaston School district for land, building and student placements in Head Start/Child Care Center.
- Tualatin Valley Mental Health to provide on-site services to early intervention kids.

10) Neighborshare

- church, local government, civic groups and TCM shelter partnership.

11) Housing Services Coalition and EHA

- funding of multiple providers.

12) Helped start Washington Co. Human Services Coalition.

3. Interdependence

- A Barrier to self-sufficiency is isolation or the lack of a support network.
- Achieving self-sufficiency requires interdependence - it is a healthy step to achieve interdependence, to have others you can turn to for support.
- "Interdependence" may contradict the value of interdependence in achieving self-reliance.

4. Data - capacity to:

- provide educational and support group seminars on a regular and frequent basis  
Goal: 100 seminars annually reaching 20 people per seminar = 2,000 people
- Serve 5,000 additional families annually with the savings of \$100,000.
- Focus on comprehensive assessment of client needs - because space is private, confidential, calming, children are cared for, enough time is allotted - resulting in a more effective plan for how the family can remove barriers in the way of achieving self-sufficiency.
- provide a wide range of services from one location so families don't have to run around trying to figure it all out - avoiding a piecemeal, fragmented, ineffective and inefficient response. "One Stop Shopping".
- provide full day child care in conjunction with Head Start Classes to serve more families and address low income child care needs.
- provide up to 2,000 meals per day to low income children in Head Start, Pre-Kindergarten or Child-Care programs of WCCAO.
- provide education opportunities to low income families in preparing low cost, nutritional meals.

- access food bank foods to reduce meal costs to feed children because of proximity to TVFC.
- better support children of families seeking services by providing quality care.
- encourage self-help by providing family resource room for jobs, resume preparation, I & R data base, housing location, etc.