

City of Lawrence
Social Service Agency
Bi-annual Report
2013

Reports on activity should be submitted electronically to Casey Toomay, Budget Manger at ctoomay@lawrenceks.org. Reports on activities from January to June are due on July 15th. Cumulative reports on activities from January through December are due on February 15th.

Agency Name:

Reporting period:

January - June
(deadline July 15)

January - December
(deadline February 15)

1. Give a brief narrative of the activities that were funded with City funds over the reporting period checked above.

Activities funded by the City Alcohol Tax fund were performed in the context of substance abuse treatment delivery. Activities include individual and group therapy, health and physical wellness classes, parenting classes, recreation activities, case management services, linkage to community supports, collaboration with community agencies in the areas of employment, education, housing, childcare, and physical and mental health care. Lastly, in conjunction with these activities is the daily housing and feeding of our clients in residence. 212 clients were admitted from Jan 1 to June 30.

2. Provide specific detail (and supportive documents, if needed) to demonstrate progress made toward your goals/objectives.

Clients, upon discharge, have demonstrated improvement in the areas identified in our agency logic model. At discharge interview, clients report a decrease or complete abstinence from the use of mood altering substances. Clients report securing a safe residence to return to upon discharge. Clients report being an active participant in the development of their treatment plan.

Of the total number of clients completing an satisfaction exit survey, the following data was calculated:

*58% reported their school/work situation "about the same"
81% reported "better" relationships with their family members
64% stated their legal situation was "better"
78% reported experiencing "better" mental health
75% stated their physical health was "better"*

3. How have you impacted the citizens of Lawrence?

First Step at Lakeview has assisted the citizens of Lawrence who are experiencing life problems associated with substance abuse and dependence begin the path to long term sobriety and improved quality of life in the above mentioned areas. For those that choose to live and work in the community, they have become productive members of the community and contributors to the economy.

4. What barriers, if any, have you encountered?

Transportation barriers exist as well as access to mental health services and affordable health care. Finding employment continues to be a challenge for clients of First Step at Lake View.

5. Review the line-item budget you provided in your application. How much of your allocation has been spent?

We budgeted 2/3rd of a FTE counselor plus benefits at FSLV. We have used 50% of the funds allocated to us for personnel at the mid-point in the year.