Our Impact

10 million
Adults in the US living with serious mental illness (1)

580,466
People in the US experiencing homelessness in January 2020, before COVID (2)

197
Total HomeLink clients, experiencing both serious mental illness and homelessness

70
HomeLink clients who have secured housing

91%
21 out of 23 current HomeLink clients are vaccinated against COVID-19

"Everyone needs help from time to time. Sometimes the help that is needed can make a difference between life and death... HomeLink helps people who have had trouble finding the help they need to find housing and to keep their heads above water."

-Paul Marvin, Housing Specialist

Special Projects

TIEH Learning Collaborative

HomeLink staff have organized a nationwide network for grantees under SAMHSA's Treatment for Individuals Experiencing Homelessness (TIEH) program. The TIEH Learning Collaborative allows TIEH grantees to share common challenges, engage in problem solving, discuss innovative practices, and organize collective action for macro-level change. HomeLink enlists a new TIEH grantee to present at each monthly meeting.

Penny Lane B&B

The Penny Lane B&B is a three-bedroom house located at the UNC Farm at Penny Lane in Pittsboro, NC. The goal of this project is to provide temporary housing and a healing environment for HomeLink clients who need a safe place stay and regroup prior to moving in to permanent housing.

Occupational Therapy

An occupational therapist provides clients with therapeutic treatment to develop and recover skills needed for daily living. Our occupational therapist provides targeted interventions to enhance the living skills of HomeLink clients to support their community integration and participation in meaningful activities of daily living that are essential for positive mental and physical health.

Heat & Eat Meals

Heat & Eat Meals started during the pandemic to provide nutritious meals to the Center’s clients across Orange, Chatham, and Wake Counties. It is part of a strategic outreach plan to check in with clients and provide them with meals on a weekly basis. This project is in partnership with Breakaway Café, Pittsboro, NC whose staff cook and package the meals.
Cultivating community partnerships is essential to HomeLink’s mission in connecting individuals with ongoing support so they can thrive in our community. HomeLink has formed partnerships with institutions as large as Duke University’s Occupational Therapy Doctorate program to small businesses like Breakaway Café that make the meals distributed through the Heat and Eat Program each week. The UNC Center for Excellence in Community Mental Health provides HomeLink clients with affordable mental health care through the UNC STEP Clinic, therapeutic groups through the UNC Farm at Penny Lane, and specialized employment support through IPS.
About Us

Our Mission

Through diligent advocacy and evidence-based practices, HomeLink connects people with serious mental illness who are experiencing homelessness or precarious housing to services, benefits, and housing supports so they can live a fulfilling and meaningful life.

Our Vision

HomeLink envisions a world where all individuals with serious mental illness have a safe and secure place to call home and the support to thrive in our community.

Our Team

Kiana Davis, MPH, CHES, is our Team Lead. She uses her health education and behavioral science background to help clients clarify and prioritize their goals. She empowers clients by teaching them how to navigate systems and find resources. Kiana also provides direction and support to the HomeLink team and scouts out training opportunities that further empower the team to address clients' needs.

Paul Marvin, CPSS is our Housing Specialist. He locates potential housing, recommends clients for housing vouchers and housing programs, and advocates for clients who are having housing problems. Paul guides clients through the entire housing process - from applications and move-ins tasks to maintaining safe, supportive housing.

Mark Burnett, CPSS, is our Certified Peer Support Specialist. He supports clients by helping with recovery goals, encouraging self-advocacy, building support networks, and providing case management. Mark meets clients where they are at - mentally, emotionally, and physically to build rapport and to help them live the life they want to live.

Ara Munier, MSOT, OTR/L, CTP, PSS, HSC, is our Occupational Therapist. She provides therapeutic treatment to develop and recover skills needed for daily living. Ara performs OT evaluations for HomeLink and Center clients to problem-solve and provide resources for better, safer living.