



DELAWARE STATE HOUSING AUTHORITY  
**NEWS RELEASE**

Anas Ben Addi, Director

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### **Delaware Working to Prevent Homelessness**

Delaware State Housing Authority (DSHA) Director Anas Ben Addi announced that the state has partnered with several nonprofit organizations throughout Delaware to help residents who are homeless or at risk of homelessness with nearly \$935,000 in funding made available through the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA). Homeless Prevention Services are available to provide assistance and case management to persons who are at imminent risk of homelessness. Additionally, Rapid Re-Housing services are also available to provide assistance and case management to persons who are currently homeless. These resources include; rental assistance (future and arrearage payments), utility assistance (future and arrearage payments), and security and utility deposits for qualified applicants who meet federal criteria.

Governor Jack Markell said, “During these difficult economic times, these programs can make a difference for struggling families. The cooperation between the State and its nonprofit partners can bring real relief during hard times.”

Delaware State Housing Authority Director Anas Ben Addi said, “Facing homelessness or being homeless is extremely difficult and stressful for families. Nearly everyone is facing financial challenges — and just as the state has made helping distressed homeowners with foreclosure prevention assistance a priority, we are also focusing on providing resources to help renters and prevent homelessness.”

The programs are designed to provide temporary assistance and housing relocation stabilization services to individuals and families who are homeless or would be homeless if not for this support. Examples of qualifying circumstances include; sudden and considerable loss of income, increased utility costs, eviction, discharge from an institution, staying in an emergency shelter or residing in an uninhabitable dwelling. Rental

assistance can be used to allow individuals and families to remain in their existing rental units or to help them obtain and remain in rental units they select. The amount of assistance is based on individual circumstances. Applicants must meet federal program and income requirements to qualify for assistance.

For more information on these programs, please contact Delaware State Housing Authority at (888) 363-8808. To apply for assistance, please contact one of the providers listed below:

	<b>New Castle County</b>	<b>City of Wilmington</b>	<b>Kent/Sussex Counties</b>
<b>Homeless Prevention</b>	Catholic Charities 655-9624 Claymont Community Center 792-2757 Lutheran Community Services 654-8886 New Castle County - Department of Community Services 395-5668 Newark Area Welfare/Hudson SSC 283-7500 O.A. Herring Community Services 764-0137	Catholic Charities 655-9624 Lutheran Community Services 654-8886 West End Neighborhood House 658-4171	Catholic Charities 674-4016 (Kent) 856-9578 (Sussex) Peoples Place 734-0319 The Way Home 856-9870
<b>Rapid Re-Housing</b>	Connections CSP, Inc. 230-9200 Ministry of Caring 594-9476 West End Neighborhood House 658-4171 YWCA Delaware 658-7161	Connections CSP, Inc. 230-9200 Ministry of Caring 594-9476 YWCA Delaware 658-7161	Connections CSP, Inc. 230-9200

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