



San Diego County links homeless San Diegans with mental illness to supportive housing as a first step towards stability and recovery.



Parker-Kier

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Parker-Kier is a recently rehabilitated, 34-unit apartment complex in Banker’s Hill that provides affordable housing with supportive services for very low-income seniors and people at risk of homelessness.

The three-story building, owned by the San Diego Housing Commission, consists of 19 studios and 15 one-bedroom units.

Of the 34 units, 22 apartments are occupied by residents between the ages of 25 and 59 who participate in one of two state Mental Health Services Act programs administered by the County of San Diego. This program is part of a larger initiative by the County of San Diego’s Behavioral Health Services Division (BHS) to link homeless individuals or individuals at risk of becoming homeless and have been diagnosed with a severe mental illness to permanent housing and mental health and social support services.

Additionally, 11 apartments will be occupied by very low-income seniors ages 55 and older who need nursing home services but are able to live in a community setting without jeopardizing their health and safety.

TOTAL ESTIMATED COST \$3,900,000
MHSA ESTIMATED CAPITAL FUNDS \$400,000

Parker-Kier

Total Units	34
Number of MHSA Units	22
Affordable Units	33
Completion Date	2013
Full Service Partnership (FSP)	Community Research Foundation Mental Health Systems Inc.

WHY IS THIS PROJECT HERE?

The goal of Parker-Kier Apartments is to provide safe, affordable housing linked with the mental health and social services necessary to promote residential stability and self-sufficiency to homeless individuals suffering from mental illness. Thirty-three units are reserved for individuals who need supportive services and earn up to 50 percent of San Diego's area median income.

Community Research Foundation and Mental Health Systems Inc. have partnered with the County of San Diego Behavioral Health Services to provide supportive services and case management to MHSA tenants. Both service partners provide innovative and cost-effective mental health, alcohol and drug recovery services.

Parker-Kier residents will have access to transportation and other services to live as independently as possible. Amenities in close proximity to Parker-Kier include bus stops, a San Diego Trolley stop, retail and grocery stores, and health facilities.



What is MHSA “supportive housing?”

Supportive housing is a community-based service model that provides housing integrated with support services such as: mental health services, primary health care, alcohol and drug services, case management, and social services to help homeless individuals with mental illness gain stability and live more productive lives.

Supportive housing consists of two main components: permanent housing, and social and mental health services. The combination of a stable home, coupled with access to mental health and social services, medical care, counseling, education and employment, has been proven to benefit not only the participants, but their neighborhoods and communities as a whole.

In San Diego, an estimated 9,638 people are homeless. Roughly 30 percent of unsheltered homeless individuals suffer from severe mental illness, a major contributing factor to their homelessness.

BHS is partnering with service providers and housing developers to address the dual stigmas of homelessness and mental illness. The partnership recognizes that Housing Matters, because a stable home in combination with social and mental health services can break the cycle of homelessness.

Home is where recovery begins.

For more information about:

MHSA's Housing Matters campaign

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