

Memorandum



Date: February 28, 2014

To: Honorable Barbara J. Jordan,
County Commissioner District 1

From: Honorable Carlos A. Gimenez, Mayor
Office of the Mayor 

Subject: Domestic Violence Programmatic Update

The attached report is provided in response to your request regarding the level of participation of African American women in the domestic violence programs such as the Lodge, Safespace and Inn Transition. The Lodge is a contracted service provider through the Miami-Dade County Domestic Violence Oversight Board.

The information that follows reports the number and ethnicity of clients served as well as our programs and employees engaged in this work.

If additional information is required, please contact Lucia Davis-Raiford at (786) 469-4644.

c: Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa
and members, Board of County Commissioners
Russell Benford, Deputy Mayor
Lucia Davis-Raiford, Director, Community Action and Human Services Department
Hilda M. Fernandez, Executive Director, Homeless Trust
Charles Anderson, Commission Auditor



Community Action and Human Services Department
 Violence Prevention and Intervention Division
 January 1, 2013 – December 31, 2013

Ethnicity Report of Clients Served and Employees by Program

COORDINATED VICTIMS ASSISTANCE CENTER & OUTREACH UNITS (North Dade Justice Center, Hialeah District Court and South Dade Government Center)									
CLIENTS SERVED									
African American Women	%	Haitian Women	%	Total Black Women %	Hispanic Women	%	White Women	%	Total Served
791	36.28	13	.59	36.88	1154	52.93	222	10.18	2180
EMPLOYEES									
African American	%	Haitian	%		Hispanic	%	White	%	
2	n/a	2	n/a	n/a	8	n/a	0	n/a	n/a
INN TRANSITION PROGRAMS (North & South)									
CLIENTS SERVED									
African American Women	%	Haitian Women	%	Total Black Women %	Hispanic Women	%	White Women	%	
44	41.90	8	7.61	49.51	48	45.71	5	4.76	105
African American Children	%	Haitian Children	%	Total Black Children %	Hispanic Children	%	White Children	%	
77	38.69	14	7.03	45.72	98	49.24	10	.55	199
EMPLOYEES									
African American	%	Haitian	%		Hispanic	%	White	%	
5	n/a	3	n/a	n/a	2		1	n/a	n/a
SAFESPACE SHELTER PROGRAMS (North & South)									
CLIENTS SERVED									
African American Women	%	Haitian Women	%	Total Black Women %	Hispanic Women	%	White Women	%	
134	47.18	31	10.91	58.09	57	20.07	62	21.83	284
African American Children	%	Haitian Children	%	Black %	Hispanic Children	%	White Children	%	
137	55.25	16	6.45	61.72	61	24.59	34	13.70	248
EMPLOYEES									
African American	%	Haitian	%		Hispanic	%	White	%	
1	n/a	8	n/a	n/a	13	n/a	1	n/a	n/a



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THE LODGE EMERGENCY SHELTER PROGRAMS					
CLIENTS SERVED					
January 1, 2013-December 31, 2013					
	Women	Children	Total	Percentage %	2012 U.S Census Bureau Quick Facts Miami-Dade County
African American	76	75	151	38.5%	19.2%
Haitian	9	9	18	4.6%	Not computed
Hispanic	89	95	184	47%	64.3%
White	22	2	24	6.1%	16.3%
Multi-Racial/ Other	6	5	11	2.8%	1.2 %
Middle Eastern	3	1	4	1%	Not computed
TOTAL	205	187	392	100%	

The Chart above reflects the demographics of The Lodge emergency shelter participants for the 12 month period beginning January 1, 2013 and ending December 31, 2013.

Our participants are diverse in race, ethnicity, culture, and language. I have included the most recent census data for Miami-Dade County so that you can compare the diversity of our participants with the residents of the county as a whole. Many factors impact the choices of victims who choose to flee their homes to come to a domestic violence shelter. The Lodge does not discriminate by reason of race, creed, gender, color, age, national origin, religion, disability, genetic information, ancestry, marital status, veteran status, and familial status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or any other class protected by law

The Lodge is an ADA accessible facility. We welcome the opportunity to serve participants with disabilities. The Lodge provides free auxiliary aids and services including sign language interpreters and printed materials in alternative formats. We welcome individuals with service dogs. A video phone and TTY are available for resident's use free of charge.