

COMMUNITY SERVICES CLUSTER

Inspired by the vibrancy and diversity of Westchester and Rockland, CLUSTER Community Services, Inc is building a healthier and more equitable society through community-driven change.

OUR MISSION: PROVIDING DIRECT SUPPORT TO OUR AT-RISK NEIGHBORS

Educating Tenants and Preventing Homelessness

The Housing Resource Center provides services that teach tenants their rights, prevent eviction, end homelessness, and improve living conditions for low-income individuals and families.

For over 20 years, CLUSTER has been assisting clients facing household-related challenges and empowering them to create stable and sustainable housing situations for themselves.

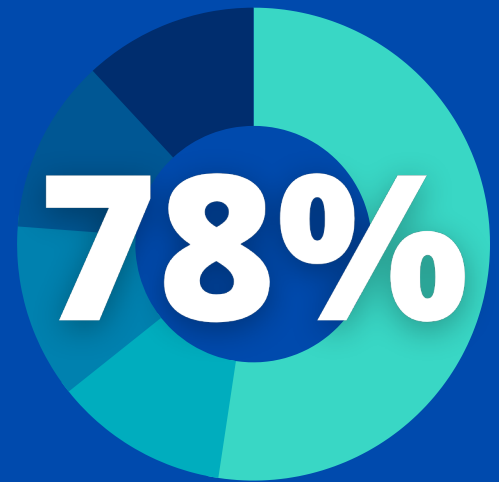
Resolving Disputes and Training Volunteers to Pay It Forward

CLUSTER's Mediation Centers provide conflict resolution services and training to individuals, businesses, and community organizations across Rockland and Westchester. With offices in Yonkers and Spring Valley we assist over 3,000 individuals annually, by mediating, conciliating or referring them to more appropriate services.

IN WESTCHESTER

The percentage of income that goes into renting a two bedroom for:

SINGLE MOTHERS



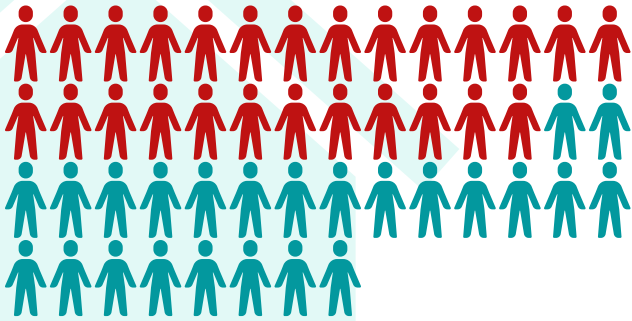
SINGLE FATHERS



Families that pay more than 30% of their income toward rent are considered **cost burdened** and "may have difficulty affording necessities such as food, clothing, transportation and medical care"

Maintaining and Sustaining Mental Health and Housing

CLUSTER's Mental Health Residential Services programs assist and support clients as they attain stable permanent housing and become productive members of their communities. We work closely with other treatment providers to offer a full range of psychiatric, socialization and vocational services that meet the needs of our residents.



52% of Westchester's children are living in single parent families are either poor or low income.

40,000

Mental health community-based housing units are in jeopardy due to years of inadequate funding. Because of programs, like CLUSTER's Mental Health Residential Housing, there is a reduction in inpatient rehab and inpatient admissions.

↓ **44%** REDUCTION IN INPATIENT REHAB

↓ **27%** REDUCTION IN PSYCHIATRIC INPATIENT ADMISSIONS

Improving the Lives of Children and Families

CLUSTER provides academic support, enrichment, and youth development activities for low-income and otherwise disadvantaged families in Yonkers and certain other historically underserved communities in Westchester and Rockland. Our goal is to assist youth so they can develop to their full potential and lead happy, healthy, and productive lives.

02: ADVOCATING FOR SUPPORTIVE LEGISLATION FOR OUR CLIENTS

To magnify the impact of our strategic programming outlined above, CLUSTER advocates for local and state policies that protect quality of life for marginalized members of our community. We build partnerships with other human service-providing organizations across New York State to mobilize coalitions of advocates across Westchester and Rockland Counties

and beyond. While CLUSTER will always be there to provide our vitally needed programs for our clients, we seek also to affect change on a broader scale, influencing our community at the legislative level to be more just and equitable.

Your support of CLUSTER plays a critical role honoring the essential dignity of all our neighbors and nurturing compassion and connection between residents of this vibrant and diverse area.