

What TAP does

For 32 years, TAP has helped change the lives of hundreds of our region's residents who come to our church seeking help to transition out of homelessness, unemployment, and poverty. In offices on the ground floor of the church, clients are welcomed three mornings a week (Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday) from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m.

TAP's niche in the region's safety net is helping clients obtain critical documents, such as birth certificates and non-driver's photo ID's, an important first step in the journey to a better life. Without a government-issued ID, a person can't get a job, receive benefits, register for housing, or enroll in education or rehabilitation programs.

TAP advises clients on how to navigate the system and provides funds to pay the government fees.

Other services

- Transportation assistance to new jobs
- Funds for police clearances
- Eyeglass referrals
- Immigration referrals
- Emergency food and clothing and toiletries
- Referrals to other services and programs in our area

All clients receive a warm welcome, a sandwich and juice and can help themselves to donated books and magazines.

**1,045 clients
were served in 2012
(1,654 client visits)**

Who comes for help?

The majority of the clients are African-Americans between the ages of 22 and 55. About a third are ex-offenders living in halfway houses. They are under pressure to find employment, and the first step is getting their ID documents. Women make up 34% of our clients. Many of them are mothers seeking help obtaining their children's birth certificates in order to enroll them in school and daycare, and to apply for subsidized housing.

Most of the individuals coming for help are homeless—living temporarily in a shelter, halfway house, transitional housing, recovery program, or on the street. Many are working poor—unable to afford housing even though they have jobs.

**90 organizations
referred clients to
TAP in 2012**

Funding

TAP operates with the financial support of Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church, foundations, other organizations, and individuals. TAP receives no government funding.

Staffing

One of the strengths of TAP is the dedicated corps of CCPC volunteers working alongside a bi-lingual outreach worker on contract from the Downtown Cluster of Congregations. The volunteers, plus the considerable in-kind donations of the church, insure that 90 percent of each dollar given to TAP goes directly to client services.

**In 2012
40 TAP volunteers
worked more than
2,000 hours**

How you can help

- Volunteer! You can help in the office as a greeter or client interviewer, or work behind the scenes making sandwiches, shopping for food and supplies, and sorting donated clothing.
- Donate food and seasonal clothing.
- Support CCPC and TAP financially.

For more information about the Transition Assistance Program, or about volunteering, please contact the TAP office.

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TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TAP)

Mission Statement

The Transition Assistance Program (TAP), an outreach mission of the Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church, helps homeless and working poor residents of the D.C. metro area to become self-sufficient through assistance with obtaining identification documents and transportation to new jobs, the provision of emergency food and clothing, and referrals for social services.

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