Porchlight

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Mission: Porchlight provides emergency shelter, food, employment services, counseling, and affordable transitional and permanent housing to homeless people in the Dane County area. Porchlight's services are designed to foster independence and the transition into permanent housing and employment.

Target Population: Madison area homeless and low income populations; persons with mental disabilities

Current Programs:

- Capital Campaign: A campaign to raise funds for two large buildings to house homeless persons with mental disabilities
- Porchlight Partners: A mentoring program
- Hospitality House: A daytime shelter that provides phone number/voicemail, address, help with apply job applications, medical needs, and other basic needs
- Programs to help persons with addictions
- Programs to help unemployed people
- Safe Haven: A longer term shelter
- Porchlight Products: A program which teaches individuals skills to become good employees as they works with local produce to create high-end foods

Project Development Guidelines:
Projects with weekly schedules would be good to help retention of individuals

Porchlight Program-Design Needs:
1. Raise awareness on issues of homelessness and mental illness
2. Programs with a mind/body connection
3. Running/Biking Groups
4. Skill development
5. General discussion/reading groups

Future Programs:
Currently, Porchlight is focusing on its existing programs and its capital campaign.

Former Projects:
N/A