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COMMUNITY ISSUES & OUTCOMES

Building Self-Sufficiency

Individuals will develop their ability to care and provide for themselves and their families, in order to live independently and participate as responsible citizens in community life as much as possible.

Affordable Housing

- ❖ People have access to safe, adequate, affordable rental housing and the ability to own a home throughout the City of Reading and the County
- ❖ Both landlords and tenants are better equipped to establish and maintain positive housing relationships
- ❖ Challenged individuals* have access to transitional or permanent, supportive housing leading to housing stability

Employment

- ❖ Non-English speaking individuals are adequately prepared for employment in jobs leading to economic self-sufficiency
- ❖ Unemployed and underemployed workers develop job skills that lead to good-paying jobs
- ❖ More students successfully graduate from Reading High School

Supportive Services

- ❖ Challenged individuals* receive effective supportive services, including case management and advocacy, leading to increased self-sufficiency
- ❖ Adults improve their ability to function productively in the community by acquiring and improving their literacy and English language skills

** Definition of challenged individuals: Non-English speaking populations, the physically or mentally challenged, the criminal justice population, those with low-literacy skills, low income population, people who don't understand the "cultural rules", chemically dependent individuals and victims of domestic violence.*