

## Louisville's Project Connect for the Homeless Alcohol and Drug Abuser

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Project Connect is a federally funded demonstration project to determine if case management services, supported by a sobering-up shelter as an entry point and a vocational program as the exit point, can help homeless alcoholic and drug abusing men in Louisville to become productive members of the larger community. The project was designed to utilize the experiences and expertise of four community agencies in addressing the problems of intervening with homeless chemical-abusing men. The project services, however, are only supplemental because the program was designed to connect the men to the existing community services and resources that they needed. The involvement of multiple agencies with different perspectives in the project presents special problems as well as special opportunities. Communication is very important, and a balance must be maintained among different value systems and approaches to problems. Balance also must be maintained between program provision and evaluation if knowledge is to be expanded.