



HUEY & ANGELINA WILSON FOUNDATION

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START CORPORATION AWARDED HUEY & ANGELA WILSON FOUNDATION GRANT

[Baton Rouge, LA] – Start Corporation is honored to be named as a grant recipient for the Huey and Angelina Wilson Foundation in January 2023. Through this award we will be able to expand primary care and behavioral health services at the Start Community Health Center located within the Capital Area Alliance for the Homeless - One Stop Homeless Drop In Center. These services include a variety of physical and behavioral health services including but not limited to medication management, substance use disorder treatment, counseling and assessments.

This holistic approach emphasizes care coordination and communication, and ensures treatment engagement and longer term aftercare. This request addresses a huge gap in healthcare for this population. Chronic health conditions, mental illness, and substance abuse often develop or worsen during homelessness. This, coupled with a lack of affordable housing and a lack of accessible integrated healthcare, can make homelessness recovery difficult and is expensive to public systems of care. Instead of these patients traveling to other locations with limited resources, they will receive healthcare at the same location that they access other services. The Healthcare Navigator will walk hand-in-hand with participants to connect them to clinic services, community-based services, and other resources. The Clinic will collaborate with the other service providers at the One Stop to form a seamless network to address healthcare, income, housing, legal aid, disability assistance, veteran services, and more. The One Stop is located at 153 N. 17th Street, Baton Rouge, LA.

The One Stop's purpose-driven campus provides a comprehensive response to those experiencing homelessness by ensuring that people's basic needs are met in a safe environment while supporting them along the pathway to housing stability. The day shelter component is critical to ensuring that people experiencing homelessness have a safe place to go during the day to get off the streets and to meet their basic needs. In addition, other resources that contribute to housing stability such as mental healthcare, obtaining income and disability income, and connections to permanent housing programs, affordable housing, and family reunification are offered. Start also conducts Homeless Street Outreach efforts to engage those living in unsheltered situations.

The Huey and Angelina Wilson Foundation was created in 1986 and began grant-making in 2000 to better the lives of the people in the Greater Baton Rouge community. Their mission is to enhance Louisiana's communities, in particular the Greater Baton Rouge area, by supporting philanthropic initiatives and programs that improve the lives of its residents. The Foundation seeks to support and strengthen organizations working in the areas of human services, healthcare, education and prison reentry that strive to address the underlying causes of social and economic problems.

Start Corporation is a 501(c)3 organization founded in 1984. Our mission is to promote opportunities, which enhance the self-sufficiency of people to empower them to live and function independently.

For more information on Start Corporation, visit www.startcorp.org. Information on the Huey and Angela Wilson Foundation can be found at <https://www.hawilsonfoundation.org/>.

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