

What TAP does

For 31 years, the Transition Assistance Program (TAP) of Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church has assisted persons who come to the church for help. The program operates out of the church's ground floor and is open three mornings a week (Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday) from 9:00 to 11:30.

TAP's niche is helping clients obtain ID documents, such as birth certificates and nondriver's photo ID's. TAP advises clients on the supporting documents they need and also provides funds to pay the government fees.

ID's are the important first step in the journey to a better life. Lacking a government-issued ID, a person is shut out of a job or even benefits, and can't register for housing, or enroll in education or rehabilitation programs.

Other services

- Transportation assistance to new jobs
- Funds for police clearances
- Eyeglass referrals
- Immigration referrals
- Emergency food and clothing
- Assistance in finding other services and programs

862
clients served in 2010
(1,446 client visits)

Who comes for help?

The majority of the clients are African-Americans between the ages of 22 and 55. 25% of the clients are ex-offenders living in halfway houses and beginning to search for work. Women make up another 25% of the persons coming to TAP for help. Most of them are mothers seeking aid obtaining their children's birth certificates in order to enroll them in school and daycare, and to apply for Section 8 housing.

Two-thirds of the individuals coming for help are homeless—that is, living temporarily in a shelter, halfway house, transitional housing, recovery program, or even on the street.

90 organizations
referred clients to
TAP in 2010

Funding

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

Staffing

One of the strengths of the Transition Assistance Program over the years has been a dedicated corps of CCPC volunteers, working with the bi-lingual outreach worker. This, plus the considerable in-kind donations of the church, means that nearly all of each dollar given to TAP goes directly to client services.

**In 2010
40 TAP volunteers
worked over
2,000 hours**

How you can help

- Volunteer! You can help in the office, interview clients, or work behind the scenes providing sandwiches, shopping for food and clothing, 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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