



Resident Opportunity and Self Sufficiency (ROSS) Program

What is the ROSS program? The purpose of the ROSS Service Coordinator program is to assess the needs of residents of conventional Public Housing and coordinate available resources in the community to meet those needs. This program works to promote the development of local strategies to coordinate the use of assistance under the Public Housing program with public and private resources, for supportive services and resident empowerment activities. These services should enable participating families to increase earned income, reduce or eliminate the need for welfare assistance, make progress toward achieving economic independence and housing self-sufficiency, or, in the case of elderly or disabled residents, help improve living conditions and enable residents to age-in-place.

Who can participate? Any resident of Oxford Terrace, King Terrace, Locust Court, Church Street Towers

What are the areas of assistance? Financial literacy, health and wellness, and connection to elderly and disability resources and services including

- How to open and maintain a checking or savings account
- Understanding and improving credit scores
- Handling personal finances/ budgeting
- Organizing personal records
- How to increase income by securing employment with a higher wage
- Enrollment in vocational training, professional license, or certificate programs (such as certified nursing assistant, forklift operator, or HISET/ GED)
- Direction towards tax preparation services
- Lessening the frequency of emergency room visits
- Connecting to medical services that maintain or improve physical or mental health
- Accessing support for substance abuse
- Accessing mental health supportive services and stress and anxiety relief
- Assistance defining activities of daily living needs and gaps in ability to maintain independent living
- Connection to COVID -19 resources

How do I get started? Contact Your ROSS Coordinator, Ann Marie Barr at abarr@haccnet.org or call 610-806-2926