

My name is Marlane Clark and I am a Case Manager with The Connection, Inc's Supportive Housing New London Program.

I have been working with this population of people that have substance abuse and/or mental illness, and a long history of homelessness, for that past ten years. It is my strong belief that Supportive Housing works. I truly believe that a home is the foundation and catalyst for change and recovery.

It's proven that housing, combined with services, is cost effective. This population will no longer have to rely on residing in high cost institutions (nursing homes, jails, hospitals).

Prior to being admitted to the Supportive Housing New London, many of the families that I work with were living in the streets, in tents, shelters, and in their cars.

For vulnerable individuals and families with low to no income, Supportive Housing provides stability and independence to people who were once facing chronic homelessness.

Families can now attain security for their families by obtaining permanent housing.

Please continue funding these programs and do not cut the right to safe and affordable housing from future individuals' lives.