A Study of Impact
Marian House Transitional Program

The following is a summary of program evaluation efforts completed by the leadership of Marian House.

It includes results of a two part evaluation process: Part 1: A Survey of Our Graduates and Part 2: A Comparison of Program Completers vs. Non-Completers. The current status of a group of alumnae, factors that influence program completion, as well as an analysis of wage record information obtained through the Maryland Department of Labor and Licensing are highlighted.

PART ONE
Survey of Program Completers from Fiscal Years 2012 - 2017

Marian House alumnae who completed the Transitional Housing Program during fiscal years 2012 to 2017 were contacted to complete a cross-sectional survey. The survey was administered to determine how former residents were doing in the areas of housing, sobriety, education, employment, and family functioning after exiting the Marian House Transitional Housing Program. Of the 144 program completers, 13 were deceased, 69 completed the survey for a 53% response rate (69 of 131).

Some key findings include:

- 92% report that they have improved family relationships during or after their time at Marian House
- 85% report that they are making more money now than when they exited Marian House
- 94% report that Marian House has helped them improve their housing status
- 91% report that they feel confident about their ability to pay their rent on time
- 99% report that Marian House improved their life
PART TWO

A longitudinal study of the Maryland employment patterns of program completers (484) and non-completers (185) from January 2001 to September 2017

The Marian House population

- 37% Sexual abuse as adult
- 45% Sexual abuse as child
- 51% Chronic mental illness
- 61% Domestic violence
- 73% Formerly incarcerated
- 96% Substance use disorder

99% have multiple diagnoses

94% of Marian House completers report that the Marian House program was key to their success, and they could not have achieved the same results living in independent housing with supportive services.

- 72% of women who start the Marian House program successfully complete it
- Marian House clients with a history of incarceration, domestic violence, chronic mental illness, chemical addiction, or sexual assault are just as likely to successfully complete the program as those without these additional obstacles.

- Marian House completers are more likely to be found in the wage records and to have consistently higher earnings at exit and throughout the 8 quarters post exit, regardless of histories of trauma, domestic violence, sexual assault, incarceration or mental illness.

Based on our research of Maryland case records, only 11% of Marian House completers re-offend, versus a 40% recidivism rate in Maryland.
Wage Record Analysis of Marian House Participants
January 2001 through June 2017

Completing the Marian House program correlates with a higher likelihood of appearing in the wage records, and of achieving higher earnings.

The fact that Marian House completers are more frequently found in wage records and have higher earnings is consistent across diagnoses.

The Marian House program assists women with finding more diverse and desirable employment opportunities.

13 vs 4

Employer industry affiliations by NAICS* code for completers vs. non-completers

*NAICS stands for North American Industry Classification System

34% 15%

Completers Non-Completers

More Marian House completers are employed in health fields 8 quarters after exit
Conclusions

- Marian House successfully prepares women for employment. Completers are more likely to be employed and enjoy higher wages than non-completers.
- Marian House clients with a history of incarceration, domestic violence, chemical addiction, or sexual assault are just as likely to successfully complete the program as those without these characteristics.

Completion of the Marian House Program has lasting effects on women’s employability and earning potential.

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Women who complete the Marian House program are three times as likely to be employed upon exit than those who do not.

88%

88% of Marian House graduates interested in employment are employed.

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Marian House is a holistic, healing community for women and their children who are in need of housing and support services. We provide a safe, sober, and loving environment that challenges women to respect and love themselves, confront emotional and socioeconomic barriers, and transition to stable and independent lives.

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