

# ARRA

## Increased Demand for Services

IDS was designed to address the increased demand for services, create employment opportunities in underserved communities, and increase health center staffing and expand existing services. Fortunately at the time when Clinica Sierra Vista (CSV) was experiencing a substantial budget cut from the Federal government estimating \$ 2 million dollars IDS was able to help CSV maintain crucial programs that our community is need of such as services to rural, seasonal migrant populations, and early access programs. One program in particular stands out as it was going to be cut due to lack of funding, Homeless Respite Recovery. This program provides short term care for homeless people who are recuperating from hospitalization. It also provides case managers who ensure follow up of doctors appointment to adult homeless who have been discharged from the hospital. Respite Recovery provides a clean, safe environment with dedicated staff who experience the benefits the homeless are receiving.

Carolyn Boldt, LVN Supervisor of Homeless Health Care in Bakersfield, CA

Homeless Health Care wrote about her experience with the homeless and benefits of the

program in stating “I feel there is a need in our community and would like to make every day a good day for our Rest & Recovery clients. Our clients have benefitted greatly...”.

More specifically Mrs. Boldt explains how the clients have benefitted by explaining that residents receive vouchers for transitional and permanent housing, receive medical coverage under Kern Medical Center’s Medically Indigent Adult program, and complete applications for benefit programs that result in SSI or SSA benefits being granted. Adding some residents were even able to secure full or part-time employment.

