



HUD Blue Ribbon Practices in Housing and Community Development

John J. Gunther Awards

City of Baltimore, MD

Action for the Homeless and the Maryland Food Committee

Category: ***Continuum of Care***

1998 Opportunity Fair

Program Description

The purpose of the 1998 Opportunity Fair, the largest in the country, is to link Maryland's homeless and hungry people with supportive services that can help them overcome barriers to self-sufficiency. A coalition of 60 agencies provided services (between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.) including: a free medical clinic, vaccinations, dental services, vision screening, eyeglasses, legal assistance, women's and children's services, housing referrals, employment counseling, HIV testing, substance abuse counseling, mental health counseling, voter registration, parenting and family planning information, haircuts, new shoes, used clothing, a free lunch and more. The Opportunity Fair offers needy people access