

**Questions we did not have time to answer during the presentation on April 19, 2023:**

**Are patients, clients, "referred" to ArtStreet, like a prescription that they are encouraged to take advantage of?**

Clients do not need referrals to ArtStreet to attend classes, groups, or events. We market the program as an open invitation to anyone who wants to create, when they want to create.

**And, while it's free and open to all, are there any set classes and workshops that people can participate in? Example: This Thursday there's a painting 101 session at 10 am.**

Yes! We have a robust schedule that includes open studio hours, a pottery group, sewing group, gardening group, skill-building workshop (try a new media every week), and a therapy group every week. For our most up-to-date schedule with days, times, and locations, please visit the Albuquerque Health Care for the Homeless website ( [www.abqhch.org](http://www.abqhch.org) ) or follow us on social media (@abqhch ) to get updates on events!

**Can you talk about how ArtStreet serves as a bridge to other Healthcare for the Homeless services? I have been lucky enough to volunteer for ArtStreet in the past and have seen how the trust that develops there can translate to more comprehensive care.**

Through its open-community structure, ArtStreet is designed to be a low-barrier entry point into Albuquerque Health Care for the Homeless (AHCH). ArtStreet clients do not have to use other AHCH services to participate in ArtStreet programs; but once in the door, we make sure they are aware of the other AHCH services by using flyers/informative documents, open-access building layouts that invite conversation, and check-ins from staff. We offer both internal and external referrals to clients upon request, including to our medical, dental, behavioral health, and psychiatric services, as well as to our case management team, the resource center, and harm reduction departments.

**What avenue do you use to get credentialed counselors for the art programs?**

Recruitment for staff, volunteers, and interns is often done through word-of-mouth via current and past participants at ArtStreet. With ArtStreet's 27 year legacy, our reputation in the community as a reliable resource for mental health professionals and clients alike enables us to collaborate with local schools, universities, and other non-profit organizations aimed at helping the unhoused population.

ArtStreet is a program in the Behavioral Health Department at AHCH and all staff (both licensed and unlicensed) are trained on de-escalation techniques, cultural humility, boundary-setting in the workplace, and developing self-care systems to help with quality of life and burnout prevention.

**How can we use this in a Family Peer advocate Lens?**

At AHCH, we champion the value of lived experience, which can be integral in building rapport with clients and offering unique perspectives to program structures. Additionally, we always invite family members and friends of clients to get involved as a way of showing support.