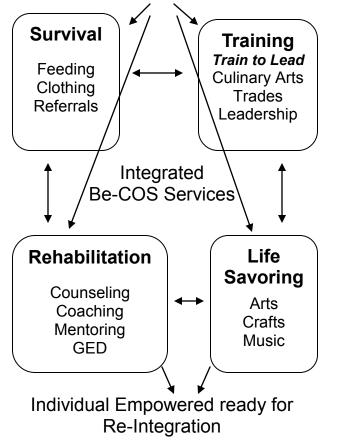
# The Be-COS Model

Individual fully Integrated into the Community

Individual experiences disenfranchising event, condition or trauma

Disenfranchised Individual enters Be-COS Services Be-COS addresses 4 Needs



## WHY is Be-COS Needed?

On any given night, in the State of Florida there are **57,687 people homeless** and in Hillsborough County there are over 17,000 homeless families, children and adullts. They come from a variety of educational, socio-economic, cultural and experiential backgrounds. The VA's Office of Homeless Veterans reports there are over **1,500 homeless veterans** in Hillsborough County.

# How to make a Tax Exempt Donation to Be-COS, Inc.

There are two ways to make a donation to Be-COS, Inc.: You may send a check to:

> Be-COS, Inc. 6319 Chauncy Street Tampa, Florida 33647 Or

> > Donate

You can utilize the **Donation Button** on the Be-COS website to make your donation to Be-COS, Inc. via PayPal with your debit or credit card.

Link:http://www.coping.us/becosinc/mak eadonationtobecos.html

> Be-COS... We Care!

Be-COS Counseling & Outreach Center 1603 N. Florida Ave., Tampa, FL 33602

# Be-COS... We Care!

Helping those in need to become all that they are capable of becoming!

**Be-COS, Inc.** is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation in Tampa Florida established to serve Families, Children & Adults in need be they homeless, veterans, unemployed, or disabled.

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### **Be-COS Mission Statement**

**Be-COS, Inc** is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization serving families, children and single adults in need especially the homeless, veterans, unemployed, and disabled. Services include Mental Health Counseling; vocational training and career guidance; self-empowering experiences and emotional support.

#### Values of Be-COS Inc

People ask why are we doing this and our answer is simply **Be-COS**! **Be-COS** it is needed. **Be-COS** it is the right way to go. **Be-COS** it is what we feel we are called to do at this time in our lives!

- It is not enough to be life saving our goal is to help people to become life savoring
- It is not enough for our people to survive our goal is for them to thrive
- It is not enough to feed our people's bodies - our goal is to feed their souls
- It is not enough to watch out for our people - our goal is for them to watch out for themselves
- It is not enough to save our people from being disenfranchised - our goal is to help them to become franchisers
- It is not enough to save our people from having to beg for change - our goal is to help them totally change
- It is not enough to save our people from panhandling - our goal is to help them become life-handlers

### **Programs Offered by Be-COS**

#### **Meeting Survival Needs:**

At Tampa's Salvation Army Center, the Daily Evening Warm Meals and **Be-COS** Clothes Closet are offered to all their clients. Also an Outreach Program for Unaccompanied Homeless Youth is conducted in the community.

#### Meeting Employment Needs by its Be-COS Train To Lead Employment

**Program:** In this 12 week program trainees spend 20 hours a week in job training and 8 hours a week in job hunting. Trainees are provided skills training, coaching and mentoring to gain full time jobs with economic stability through its Culinary Arts and other Trades. Through participation in the Leadership Training, trainees are prepared for supervisory or managerial roles.

#### **Meeting Rehabilitation Needs:**

**Be-COS** Counseling & Outreach Center is open to all veterans and their families or any individuals living in the Salvation Army's Homeless Programs. The staff of the counseling center address all mental health issues especially PTSD, TBI, depression and anxiety.

#### Meeting Life Savoring Needs:

**Be-COS** Life Skills Training in: budgeting, savings and career planning, educational tutoring, GED and Arts, Music

# Partnerships

### **Salvation Army**

The **Be-COS**, **Inc.** programs are located at the Salvation Army Homeless Housing Programs at: 1603 N. Florida Ave., Tampa, FL 33602. Salvation Army has three programs for the homeless:

**Red Shield Lodge:** Emergency Shelter for Men and Women

*Hope House:* Transitional living for Men

*Hospitality House:* Transitional Living for Women and Children

#### Hillsborough County School District

The Hillsborough County School District is providing clients of both Be-COS and the Salvation Army Homeless Housing Programs with a GED Program which not only will enable clients to gain a high school diploma through the GED, but also offers tutorial support in reading and mathematics skills.

