

**Photovoice Interview with Joe Sengewalt,
Client Services Manager, Bartlett Housing Solutions**

Joe: I work with Bartlett Housing Solutions in Morgantown, West Virginia. It's an agency that serves the homeless in two different locations; here at West Run and then we have another facility in downtown Morgantown.

Interviewer: So where do most of the people work, if they work, when they live here? [at West Run]

JOE: Well, a lot -- our clients that are able to work depending what -- we try to connect them with employment that will match their skill level so that could be anywhere. But if they are not -- if they do not have -- a lot of the clients we work with do not have the strongest work history and so forth. So we try to get them employment generally speaking as close to this facility as we can that's easy, easiest for them to get back and forth to. So for example the, um, Glenmark Center which is right up the road here, there's a number of restaurants there and stores and so forth, ah, for clients to get work and they, they can walk to. It's not the easiest walk but they there. Others, again, if they have a particular educational or skill level then we wanna make sure they're getting the best job but if not, um, something that they can get to 'cause most of our clients do not have their own transportation. So it either has to be something that is on the bus line or something that they can walk to and there is some places close by here that they can walk to.



Joe: So we have a lot of kids here. Now, ...you'll see some of them because school is going to be getting out soon and they'll be coming home from school. So -- we have children here, we have all the way from -- from newborns to, ah, seventeen, eighteen-year-old. Now, we've had -- we've made a lot of strides in the -- we've been here since 2012.

This is the first year we got -- actually got a school bus to come here but it is a mini -- it's a small school bus. So the, um, the main buses and the main school buses will not come down here because of safety reasons. You can see how narrow the road is.

LAURI: How did the kids get to school before you got the school bus?

JOE: Well, for about four years they got to school by me. I took them to school. Um, we -- when we came out here we did not have a -- were not given a really an option and so I just took them to school. So we just -- we had a master list of the kids, where they went to school, and I started about 6:45 in the morning and by 8:00 o'clock I had them all to school. And then after a couple years we got, as we expanded, the, the children got to school by cabs. So -- because the School Board is required to provide transportation. So they used cabs and then this year we finally got our school bus so this is actually our best year for transportation.





