

## *Green Features of Transitions at Devens*

### **Items you may already know:**

- Glazed loaded central hallway/corridor to catch the sun's warmth during colder temperatures outside
- Storm Drainage to minimize impact on local facilities
- Energy recovery system that reuses solar heated air from the corridor as well as warm exhaust air
- All materials in the building are natural materials which enhance the indoor environment
- All appliances used are Energy Star rated appliances, including the dishwashers and laundry machines.
- Landscaping designed to conserve water and are also drought resistant
- Still in the plans to install solar system panels to provide photovoltaic power.

### **Items you may NOT know:**

- Transitions at Devens Congregate facility accommodates 13 Single Mothers and their children; we've been in this building for a year now and have all ready served more than 70 families(this number is from 8/2010)!
- Lighting is all energy efficient and either on motion sensor or a timer.
- Two offices, meeting room as well as a central playroom
- Laundry facilities are on a schedule and closed on Sundays.  

All washing is done using cold water and our washers are high efficiency
- Individual thermostats for each room so that only rooms in use are being cooled/heated  

Teaches smarter usage of thermostats for families
- Staff inspects units 3x a week to ensure the following items
  1. Units are remaining clean with no fire hazards
  2. Unused rooms are not being cooled/heated; lights aren't being left on
  3. Windows are not open while Heat and/or AC is on
- Encourage and practice good recycling habits
- All Tubs/Shower systems are Temptrol-has a piston that continually equalizes the hot and cold water pressure as demands are elsewhere in the plumbing system. No "Shower Shock"
- Water Heater is set at a level to conserve on heating while still providing warm/hot water for bathing needs