

# **NY/NY 111 Supportive Housing**

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NY/NY III Supportive Housing provides housing for youth leaving foster care. (It also provides housing for adults and families, but in the following edited memo we describe only the eligibility and services for youth leaving care.)

The NY/NY III housing will be either (1) “congregate” or (2) “scattered-site,” in which individual apartments are rented from existing market housing throughout the City.

## **Eligibility**

- Young adults (aged 25 years or younger (18-25) leaving or having recently left foster care or who had been in foster care for more than a year after their 16th birthdays and who are at risk of street homelessness or sheltered homelessness, and
- Young adults, ages 18-25, who have a serious mental illness being treated in NYS licensed residential treatment facilities, State psychiatric facilities or leaving or having recently left foster care and who could live independently in the community if provided with supportive housing and who would be at risk of street or sheltered homelessness if discharged without supportive housing.

## **Application Process**

Applications will go through HRA and the HRA 2010(e) form must be completed. The HRA 2010(e) replaces the old HRA 2000. Applications are only accepted electronically. The HRA 2010(e) must be completed by the case planning agency (including preventive agencies which can assist families), which is also responsible for ensuring all of the hard copy documentation is submitted as well. For youth who have left foster care, we expect their last case planning agency to assist them with completing the documentation.

## **How to Become an Applicant Site**

To submit the HRA 2010e application, you must be trained by HRA and receive a username and password. Call HRA directly at (212) 495 2900, and select option 4 from their automated menu.

Children’s Services schedules trainings on HRA 2010 E from time to time. For info, see the contact number at the end of this memo.

Once an application is submitted and completed, HRA determines eligibility for the program and which level of housing is deemed appropriate. Youth who fall into the following two categories mentioned above (under Eligibility) will have their applications and eligibility determination routed to the Children’s Services Housing Support and Services Unit.

Youth not in care or who were never in care and who fall into any other category, along with families and single adults will have their applications routed to DHS for processing.

Housing Support and Services will prioritize applicants based on need and match clients with available housing. Youth once housed will then receive services through this program. They can stay in their apartment until their 26th birthday, during which time they will be assisted in finding permanent housing. If they continue to need supportive housing, they will be transitioned into the adult system.

There are a limited number of beds and we expect them to fill quickly. A complete HRA application package includes:

- HRA housing application
- A comprehensive psychosocial summary, completed within 6 months
- Tuberculosis testing results
- If the applicant is mentally ill: a comprehensive psychiatric evaluation, signed and dated by a psychiatrist or nurse practitioner, and completed within 6 months.
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