



Housing

Supporting the future for youth as they transition to their own housing*

*IMPORTANT: This presentation was developed by Ronni Fuchs on 7/11/08. It is an overview of housing resources *as of that date*.

Overview



- What we know
 - NYCHA Public Housing
 - NYCHA Section 8
 - Housing Subsidy
- What we are learning
 - NYNY III
- Numbers game
- Where we are going
 - New initiatives

NYCHA PUBLIC HOUSING AND SECTION 8



- For youth leaving care with no other resource
- Must have valid source of income
- Apply no later than 19.5 years of age (older than 19½ = not eligible)
- Must be able to pass NYCHA Criminal Background check
- Processed through Children's Services

Housing Subsidy



- 2 “One-Shots” of \$1800 each + monthly rental assistance up to \$300. It is available to young people leaving care until the age of 21.5.
- Monthly rental assistance lasts 36 months, up to \$10,800 or 21st birthday whichever comes first.
- Youth should apply by age 19.5

Supportive Housing



What It Is

- ✓ Affordable: 30% of income towards rent
- ✓ Independent: Tenant holds a lease or sub-lease

What It Isn't

- ✗ A program
- ✗ A treatment facility
- ✗ Residential care
- ✗ Residential treatment
- ✗ A group home

BENEFITS

- ✓ Tenant service staff help connect youth to whatever they need in the community
- ✓ Helps build rental history
- ✓ Supportive housing landlords are invested in making the young person's residency a successful one

Supportive Housing: NYNY III



- Partnership between New York State and New York City
- Has social services available
- First time beds have been allocated to young people who are transitioning out of foster care with no other barriers
- As of 7/08: 200 beds – 115 “scatter-site” and 85 “congregate”

NY NY III Eligibility



- Young adults 18 to 25 leaving or having recently left foster care who are at risk of street or sheltered homelessness.
- Young adults 18 to 24 leaving or having recently left foster care who are diagnosed with serious and persistent mental illness (SPMI)

The Numbers



- January 2008-June 2008
 - 69 young people have moved into NYCHA apartments
 - 59 young people have moved into Section 8 apartments
 - 90 young people are awaiting vouchers
 - 184 young people are looking for Section 8 apartments

The Numbers, continued



- February 2008-June 2008
 - 18 young people have been accepted into NYNY III
 - 14 are in scatter site
 - 2 are in congregate care
 - 2 are awaiting apartments

Where we're going



- Creating a marketplace of housing for our young people to access
- YFE initiative includes training in financial skills related to housing
- Building traditional and non-traditional partnerships