

# New York Settles With Doj To Provide Supported Housing For Adults With SMI Open



Breaking news from the city of New York! The Department of Justice (DoJ) and the city officials have announced a groundbreaking settlement to provide supported housing for adults with severe mental illness (SMI) in an open environment.

This historic agreement represents a significant step towards improving the lives of individuals with SMI who have long struggled with access to appropriate housing and care services. The settlement will ensure that these individuals are provided with the necessary support systems to lead fulfilling lives within the community.



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### Background

Mental health has been a pressing issue in society, and New York City has not been immune to its challenges. Thousands of adults with SMI have faced tremendous difficulties in finding adequate housing options that cater to their specific needs.

In many cases, this has resulted in homelessness and a cycle of instability for individuals struggling with mental health issues. The lack of specialized housing services has also put an additional burden on emergency services and strained the existing mental health support systems.

### The Settlement

The settlement reached between the DoJ and the city of New York acknowledges the rights of individuals with SMI to live in the least restrictive environment possible. It lays the foundation for creating a transformative and comprehensive

supported housing system that aims to address the unique needs of this vulnerable population.

Under this agreement, the city of New York commits to developing and maintaining supported housing units that will provide individuals with SMI access to appropriate living arrangements, integrated support services, and opportunities for community engagement. This approach will enable individuals to live more independent lives while receiving the necessary aid and guidance.

### **Benefits for Individuals**

Supported housing has proven to be an effective model for individuals with SMI, as it combines safe and affordable housing with comprehensive support services. By offering stable housing options, this settlement can help individuals stabilize their lives, maintain stability in their medication and therapy routines, and improve their overall well-being.

The provision of integrated support services, including individualized treatment plans and case management, will assist in managing the day-to-day challenges faced by individuals with SMI. Additionally, the opportunity to engage with the community will foster social interaction and help reduce isolation, which is often a significant concern for those with mental health conditions.

### **Impact on the Community**

The settlement not only benefits individuals with SMI but also has a positive impact on the community as a whole. By offering supported housing, the agreement reduces the strain on emergency services and shelters while simultaneously enhancing public safety.

Additionally, it fosters a more inclusive and diverse society by allowing individuals with SMI to live and participate fully in the community. This integration helps break down stigmas associated with mental illness, promoting empathy and understanding among the general population.

## Moving Forward

The settlement between New York City and the DoJ marks a significant milestone in addressing the housing crisis faced by adults with SMI. Through the provision of supported housing, the agreement shows a commitment to promoting mental health equity and ensuring that individuals with SMI can lead meaningful lives within the community.

As implementation begins, all stakeholders - including mental health organizations, housing authorities, and community members - must work together to ensure the successful execution and long-term sustainability of these vital housing initiatives. Collaborative efforts and ongoing support are crucial to creating a brighter future for all individuals affected by severe mental illness in New York City.



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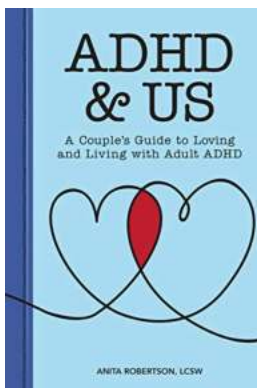
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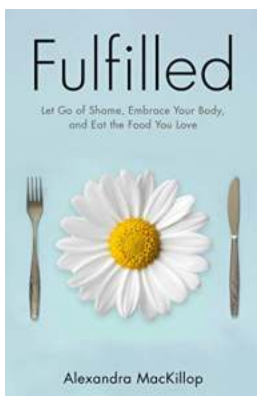


On July 23, 2013, New York State and the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) reached a settlement regarding the provision of community-based housing and services for up to 4,500 New York City residents with mental illness living in 23 large adult homes. Under the agreement, the state will provide as many scattered-site, supported housing units as necessary to afford all adult home residents with serious mental illnesses the opportunity to live in the most integrated setting appropriate to their needs, and will provide and maintain community services and supports...



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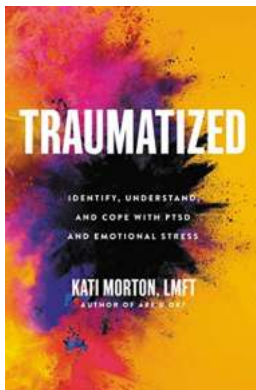
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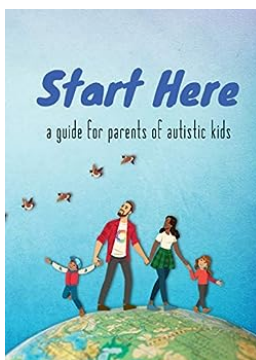
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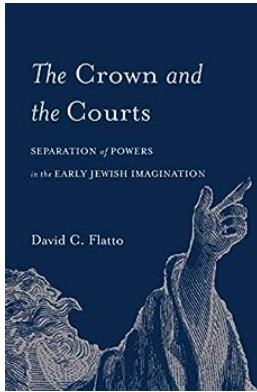
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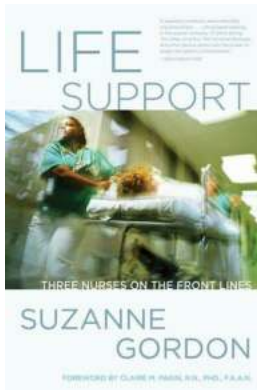
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