

Supportive Housing For Mentally Ill

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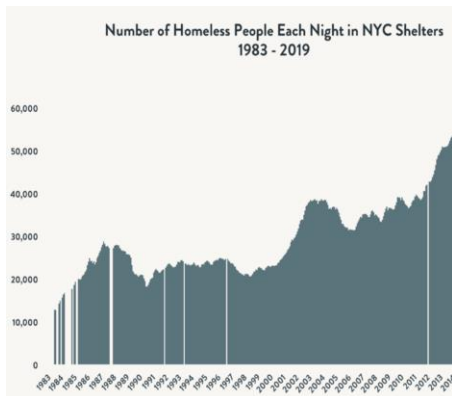
- Chronic homeless use disproportionately large rates of health and criminal services
- Supportive housing is associated with decrease use of governmental services and cost, increase in primary care services utilization, decreased risk for HIV

Reasons for homelessness

- Lack of affordable housing
- Income volatility and little savings (overcrowding, evictions)
- Domestic Violence
- Mental health

Status on Homelessness in 2019

- An all-time record 63,839 men, women, and children slept in shelters each night.
- Only 3.5 percent of all individuals placed in supportive housing



NY state law on supportive housing

- Must have primary diagnosis of serious mental illness substantial dysfunction in a number of areas dependent on substantial treatment, rehab and support services.
- Priority Discharges from State hospital, Transitional Living facilities
- In NYC, HRA 2010E housing application is currently required for most types of OMH-funded housing



Federal Law Supportive housing for persons with disabilities U.S. Code § 8013.

- The purpose of this section is to enable persons with disabilities to live with dignity & independence within their communities by expanding the supply of supportive housing
- Federal law requires public mental health systems to provide services in

integrated community settings, and Permanent Supportive Housing is a proven approach for doing so.

Conclusion

-Permanent Supportive Housing is a crucial resource for many people with psychiatric disabilities for a variety of reasons.

- Affordable housing with supports provides a stable base for recovery, which can be difficult for people who are the following:
- Homeless; living in unnecessarily restrictive settings
- At risk of losing housing
- Living in substandard housing; Living with others in tenuous situations
- Only 3.5% of 26.2% of individuals utilizing homeless shelters who also experience a severe mental illness are currently in supportive housing programs (HUD, 2007)

Let's review some highlights

 60,000 Individuals in NYC DHS shelters at any point in time ¹	 High rate of avoidable hospitalizations among individuals experiencing homelessness ²	 80% of individuals in families are enrolled in Medicaid ¹
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