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# **New York Housing Resource Center**

## **Website Tour**

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New York Housing Resource Center for People  
with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities

# Objectives



Project  
Background



Website Tour



Housing Options  
Overview

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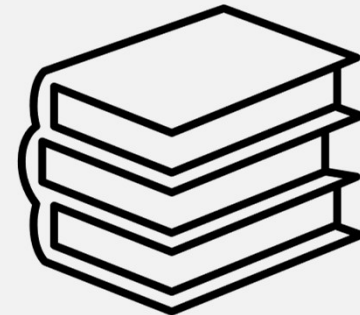
# Project Background



# *Housing Resources for Independent Living*

## **CDD grant began Jan 2023**

- **Comprehensive online library of information on non-certified housing.**
- **Interactive website focused on user experience, site navigation options, & accessibility.**
- **Public education, regional and statewide.**



# Resource Catalog

- **Cataloged nearly 300 resources on centralized list.**
  - **By topic and subtopic**
  - **By media type**
  - **By region**
- **Reviewed for gaps with stakeholders.**
- **Developed ten resource pages around each topic.**

# Focus Groups 2023 - Implementation

- **Facilitated 27 focus groups**
  - 10 in collaboration with SANYS
  - 17 with parents and caregivers
- **Goals**
  - Identify gaps that currently exist in the available resources.
  - Identify any barriers to accessing and utilizing web-based resources.
- **Each focus group paired with a resource list.**

# Focus Groups 2023 - Outcomes

- **Feedback from participants**
  - **Best focus group.**
  - **Small size promoted discussion.**
  - **Excited to voice ideas and be heard.**
- **Key takeaways**
  - **Translation options are essential.**
  - **Accessibility must be at forefront of development.**
  - **Shift presentation of resources.**
    - Short impact videos vs. lengthy educational webinars.
    - Timestamps and table of contents for webinars.
  - **Website must be compatible with mobile devices.**
  - **User-identified gaps in resources to target for development.**

# NYHRC Redesign

- **Project kick off with Surdej Web Solutions**
  - Began March 2024
  - Biweekly project meetings
- **User testing**
  - Independent Reviewers
  - Virtual Review
  - Partnership with SANYS



# Resource Development 2024

- **Gaps identified by focus groups**
  - Shared Living
  - Ownership Models
  - Housing Planning
  - Finding Affordable Housing
  - Self-Direction
- **Resource modification**
  - Short video clips
  - Timestamps with Table of Contents
  - Transcripts
  - Plain Language Review





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# NYHRC Launch January 2025!



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# Housing Options Overview



# Non-Certified (Just Housing)

## Types

- Apartment
  - Market rate or income-based
- Family-owned
- Shared living

## Benefits

- Increased control over where you live
- Ability to integrate staffing/roommates as desired
- More control over finances/budget
- Self-directed approach to services & housing choice

## Challenges

- Where to live?
- More difficult to integrate medical/behavioral supports
- No established staffing safety net
- Accessibility

# Terms

- **Affordable Housing**
  - *rent or mortgage payments (principal, interest, taxes, and insurance) plus utilities are no more than 30% of the occupant's monthly income - <https://affordablehousingonline.com/glossary>*
- **Supportive Housing**
  - *affordable housing with onsite services - <https://shnny.org/supportive-housing/what-is-supportive-housing/>*
- **Supported Housing**
  - *rent supported housing*
- **Public Housing**
  - *owned by a public housing authority*
- **Market Rate Housing**
  - *rents are set by the landlord based on how much the unit is worth in the market – <https://www.myhousingsearch.com/Types.html?ch=NY>*

# Integrated Supportive Housing

- **Partnerships**
  - **OPWDD with NYS Homes and Community Renewal (HCR)**
  - **Provider agencies with developers of affordable housing**
- **Affordable, multi-family housing projects**
- **A portion of units are “set-aside” for people with OPWDD eligibility**
- **Adaptable and accessible**
- **Ongoing relationship with provider agency**

# Integrated Supportive Housing

## Broad Street Commons

*Glens Falls*



## Lion Heart Residences

*Cohoes*



# Shared Living

## Toolkit for Providing Shared Living in New York



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- Approach to housing, not a model
  - Family-owned / LLC-owned
  - Self-direction
    - Staffing
    - Live-in Caregiver
    - Paid Neighbor
    - Household services (IDGS / OTPS)
  - Shared Living toolkit
- <https://nyhrc.org/resource-category/housing-types-funding/shared-living/>

# Next Steps



- **Bookmark and Share**  
[www.NYHRC.org](http://www.NYHRC.org)
- **Explore resources:**
  - **Housing Resource Guide**
  - **Housing Journey Podcast**
- **Sign up for Housing Connect Mailing List**

## Post-Session Survey



<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5R7RJKQ>