

## What is supportive housing?

Supportive housing is a simple common-sense solution to homelessness among vulnerable people: independent, affordable housing linked to easily-accessible support services aimed at helping at-risk tenants achieve their life goals. Tenants pay a third of their income in rent and have easy access to whatever assistance they need to achieve independence.

There are two types of supportive housing, "scattered-site" -- rented apartments in the community visited regularly by support staff -- and single site -- apartments in a building developed and run by a nonprofit in which services are offered by on-site staff.

For most of the past 30 years, supportive housing has been developed for homeless individuals, with nearly half of all 46,000 units statewide set-aside for individuals coping with mental illness.

In 2011, as part of its sweeping overhaul of Medicaid, the Cuomo administration created the Medicaid Redesign Team's Supportive Housing Initiative pledging to fund development, operations and services in supportive housing for high-cost Medicaid recipients.

Several contracts for scattered-site apartments have been awarded. This brochure features those awards: PLEASE NOTE, the following are CONTRACTS, NOT VACANCIES.

For more information about supportive housing visit [www.shnny.org](http://www.shnny.org)



## OFFICE OF ALCOHOL AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES MRT HOUSING

Four organizations have 25 units each for high-cost Medicaid recipients who have a history of substance abuse.



### The Bridge

The Bridge has 25 units in Manhattan and the Bronx.

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Palladia has 25 apartments in the Bronx.

Sharon Coates-Knibbs  
212-979-8800 Ext 1116  
[Sharon.Coates-Knibbs@palladiainc.org](mailto:Sharon.Coates-Knibbs@palladiainc.org)



Fortune Society has 25 units in Queens.

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Bridging Access to Care has 25 apartments in Brooklyn.

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**Supportive Housing for High-Need High-Cost Medicaid Recipients**



## OMH MRT APARTMENTS BRONX, QUEENS, STATEN ISLAND, MANHATTAN

All apartments are 'scattered site'.

BRONX:  
Urban Pathways (22 units)  
Joseph Micali  
646 350 2531 x 101  
Jmicali@urbanpathways.org



MANHATTAN:  
Harlem United  
(24 units)  
Elizabeth Padilla  
212-866-2600  
epadilla@heritagenyc.org



QUEENS:  
PSCH (21 units)  
Veronika Omole  
347-542-5689  
Veronika.Omole@psch.org



STATEN ISLAND  
S.I. Behavioral Network  
(21 units)  
Jennifer Arlen  
718-351-5530 x104  
arlenjennifer@gmail.com



\* also eligible are individuals who qualify for Medicaid but, because of institutionalization, are not currently recipients. This includes individuals leaving long-term psychiatric care and individuals re-entering the community from incarceration.

## OMH MRT APARTMENTS BROOKLYN

All apartments are 'scattered site'.



Catholic Charities Neighborhood Services  
(25 units) Samira Alieva 718-722-6229  
salieva@ccbq.org



Comunilife (70)  
Pam Timmins 718-617-6400 Ext. 7178  
Ptimmins@comunilife.org



Institute for Community Living (20)  
David Kamnitzer 718-855-4035 x 22101  
DKamnitzer@iclinc.net



Jewish Board of Family & Children Services  
(70) Arezoo Termechi 718-859-9760 ext.  
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OHHEL (40) Marc Katz 718-435-5533  
Marc\_Katz@ohelfamily.org or  
Yitz Elman 718-435-5533  
Yitz\_Elman@ohelfamily.org



Postgraduate Center for Mental Health  
(70) Cara Turner 212-5606761  
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St. Joseph's Medical Center (50)  
Elizabeth Woods 718-982-4740  
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Unique People Services (5)  
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## WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR MRT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING?

Unlike much supportive housing, MRT supportive housing's focus is not on ending chronic homelessness but in providing housing to high-cost Medicaid recipients who are homeless or unstably housed. The goal of MRT housing is to improve these individuals' health and decrease their use of emergency systems.

### OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH MRT

OMH requires that individuals have a severe mental illness, that they are on Medicaid or are Medicaid-eligible, that they are high-cost users (synonymous with eligible for Health Home enrollment) and that they are not in stable housing. Individuals involved with ACT and AOT programs are also eligible.

### OFFICE OF ALCOHOL AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES MRT

OASAS requires that individuals be housing-needy single adults with chronic substance use disorders and other psychiatric and medical conditions who are high-frequency, high-cost Medicaid consumers currently defined as someone with either five ER visits or 2 inpatient stays in 12 months before referral.

### WHO CAN REFER POTENTIAL TENANTS?

Health Homes, hospitals, shelters, residential treatment centers, psychiatric centers, halfway houses, and programs working with individuals who would be eligible to live in MRT housing.