

Mission

To serve—holistically and without judgment—individuals who may have been denied compassionate and considerate treatment elsewhere due to their race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, developmental level, health status, criminal or substance abuse history.

Goals

- To provide housing and comprehensive support services designed to meet the physical, social and emotional needs of each individual;
- To help individuals whose needs have been neglected or whose circumstances have prevented use of existing services;
- To promote greater public understanding of the unmet needs of individuals with special needs.

Unique People Services (UPS) seeks to accomplish these goals by addressing the total needs of our clients, with emphasis on individuality of services, the creation of homelike and caring environments and by maximizing each individual's strengths and assets.

UPS has a commitment to revitalize the communities in which our programs are located through renovation of housing stock and the provision of job opportunities.

UPS also provides residential and support services for individuals with mental illness and those with developmental disabilities in the Bronx and Queens.

UPS is a not-for-profit 501 (c) (3) organization.



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Understanding people.
Providing homes.
Serving communities since 1991.

Permanent & Supportive Housing Programs

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Permanent and Supportive Housing

Unique People Services (UPS) Permanent and Supportive Housing Programs in the Bronx, Queens and Manhattan provide permanent and supportive housing in apartment settings for two hundred and twenty-nine (229) individuals living with HIV/AIDS and their families.

Our housing program promotes residential and clinical stability for its participants through a continuum of comprehensive and supportive services geared towards helping participants achieve individual and family goals.

We maintain attractive apartments where residents become re-integrated into the community.

Eligibility

Homeless New York City residents who are able to live as independently as possible.

Final eligibility is determined after an interview with the client and a review of all information provided.

Cost

The client is responsible for paying 30% of the rent to the program. The program then pays the entire rent directly to the property owner for rental apartment units.

Case Management

The case management team insures that the clients are aware of and have access to the following services:

- Positive socialization
- Recreational opportunities
- Home care
- Entitlements assistance
- Nutritional and dietary
- Medical training services
- Education
- Counseling services



Case management also focuses on stabilizing the client's housing situation through on-going budget analysis and counseling in addressing property owner and tenant issues.

Linkages to Outside Support Services

- Employment
- Vocational/educational
- Job development skills
- Bereavement groups
- Workshops, etc.

All services are individualized and include specific community-based support systems.

Residential Maintenance

The program maintenance team provides basic repairs for the apartment units. Major repairs are brought to the attention of the property owner.