

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 people living with HIV/AIDS and individuals with developmental disabilities in Manhattan, Bronx and Queens.

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



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Supported Housing Program II, III & IV

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Supported Housing Program II, III & IV

The Supported Housing (SH) Program provides permanent housing to individuals who are diagnosed with a serious persistent mental illness. All residents are referred from transitional living communities, single room occupancy units, apartment treatment programs, hospitals and long term residential programs for mentally ill chemical abusers (MICA) through New York City Human Resources Administration, Office of Mental Health.

The Supported Housing Program offers sixty-eight (68) housing opportunities across the Bronx to single males and females, in addition to families with children.

The program provides a person-centered approach to service delivery for residents designed to develop, maintain and maximize independent functioning in their home and community.

The goals of the program are to assist residents with acquiring new life skills; building their self-esteem as they transition into the community and providing the support needed to maintain an independent lifestyle.

Eligibility for Admission into the Program

To meet the criteria for permanent housing in the Supported Housing Program the individual must:

- Have an Axis 1 diagnosis and be 18 years or older
- Be eligible for NY/NY I or II
- Be eligible for Non-NY/NY
- Be eligible for New York III
- SH II - The individual must have had a long history of living in New York shelters, on the streets or in the parks.
- SH III - The individual must have lived in an OMH-licensed supervised housing, have been under Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) and/or diagnosed with a mental illness and are parents with minor children.
- SH IV - The individual must have lived in an OMH-operated inpatient program or an OMH-operated transitional housing program.

Services include:

- Case management
- Symptom management
- Medication management
- Substance abuse program referral
- Daily living skills
- Money management
- Family/parenting support

