

Most Integrated Setting Coordinating Council Housing Task Force Recommendations and Next Steps

Priority	Increase opportunities for people with disabilities to live independently in the setting of their choice and where appropriate with supportive services that are designed around the needs and desires of the individual.
Objective	Foster community integration and responsiveness to individual needs by expanding opportunities to access a range of housing options that shall include promoting an individual's desire to live independently.
Objective	Preserve and expand the supply of affordable housing for people with disabilities, as well as promote person centered planning and choice in selecting housing that best reflects individual needs and desires.
Performance Measurement	a) Number of applications received which set aside units for special needs housing. b) Number of applications leveraging multi-agency programs and services. c) Number of individuals transitioned under Nursing Home Transition and Diversion (NHTD) Housing Subsidy Program.

Action 1: Creating Affordable/Accessible Housing

Implementation Actions	Date/s	Responsible Agencies
1. Improve interagency coordination through continuation of the MISCC Housing Task Force. Recommend adding OTDA to MISCC and MISCC Housing Workgroup.	12/31/2008	DHCR/OMRDD/OTDA
2. Assess housing programs to connect individuals qualifying for State housing subsidies with available affordable/accessible units.	12/31/2009	OMH/ DOH/OMRDD/ OCFS/ OTDA/ DHCR/SOFA
3. Maintain housing subsidy programs at current funding levels and work collaboratively to determine methods for meeting projected growth levels through improved program delivery and additional resources where feasible.	12/31/2009	DHCR /OMH/ DOH/OMRDD/ OCFS/ OTDA/ OASAS/Aids Institute/SOFA
4. Launch the Nursing Home Transition and Diversion (NHTD) Housing Subsidy Program.	12/31/2008	DHCR/ DOH
5. Evaluate NHTD Housing Subsidy Program success for potential expansion and replication.	12/31/2009	DHCR/ DOH
6. Monitor demand for DHCR's Access to Home Program.	12/31/2009	DHCR

<p>7. Work with the Money Follows the Person (MFP) Housing Task Force and MFP Housing Education Initiative to increase capacity on a local level to provide technical assistance to special needs households seeking affordable/accessible housing.</p>	<p>12/31/2009</p>	<p>MISCC HTF Agencies</p>
<p>8. Consider the development of a Housing Application Assistance Demonstration Program in 4-5 geographically diverse regions to facilitate linkages to assist special needs households with completing housing applications and obtaining affordable/accessible housing.</p>		<p>MISCC HTF Agencies</p>
<p>9. Identify opportunities to apply for federal funding to develop new programs to preserve and develop affordable/accessible housing, assist households in reducing housing cost burdens, or increase homeownership opportunities.</p>	<p>12/31/2009</p>	<p>DHCR/DOH/OASAS/ OCFS/ OTDA/OMRDD/OMH/ SOFA</p>
<p>10. Identify barriers to accessible/affordable housing and develop steps to remove or ameliorate the effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing.</p>	<p>12/31/2009</p>	<p>DHCR/OMH/ DOH/OMRDD/ OCFS/ OTDA/OASAS/Aids Institute/ SOFA</p>
<p>11. Support community efforts to preserve and expand accessible/affordable housing and home ownership opportunities.</p>	<p>ongoing</p>	<p>DHCR/OMH/OMRDD/OASAS/ OTDA/ SOFA</p>
<p>12. Provide equal access to safe, decent and accessible/affordable housing Engage in a long-term strategy to seek and develop opportunities for the preservation of affordable/accessible housing.</p>	<p>ongoing</p>	<p>DHCR/OMH/OMRDD/OASAS/ OTDA/SOFA</p>

Action 2: Data Collection

Priority	Analyze existing data to define the need for affordable/accessible housing in New York State and a continuum of supportive services that ensures individuals the choice and empowerment to live in the most integrated setting that meets their needs and preferences.
Objective	Research and quantify data to assess the needs of individuals residing in institutional settings or at risk of admission to such facilities that may require affordable/accessible housing.
Objective	Identify unmet need and track progress in fulfilling the States goals to assist people with special needs to live in the most integrated settings possible and practicable within available resources.
Performance Measurement	a) Number of individuals transitioning to appropriate affordable/accessible housing. b) Policy paper on the Statewide housing needs of special needs populations.

Implementation Actions	Date/s	Responsible Agencies
1. To facilitate long-term planning, review existing State agency data currently being collected on special needs populations residing in institutional settings.	As available	OCFS/OMH/DOH/OASAS/ OMRDD/ SOFA
2. Assess geographical information on special needs populations with the goal of assisting State agencies in planning and resource distribution based on need.	12/31/2009	OCFS/OMH/DOH/OASAS/ OMRDD/ SOFA
3. Issue regulations requiring person centered planning processes that inquire about housing satisfaction and preference every 6 months from all individuals served.	12/31/2009	OCFS/OMH/DOH/OASAS/ OMRDD/ SOFA
4. Collect data on individuals with disabilities residing in various group settings including length of stay in those settings.	12/31/2009	OCFS/OMH/DOH/OASAS/ OMRDD/ SOFA
5. Explore strategies for standardizing data collection.	12/31/2009	MISCC HTF State Agencies

<p>6. Assess the housing needs of high cost users. Examine current studies underway by MISCC agencies focused on the costs of care, nature of disability, location and housing type needed. Such studies may include but are not limited to:</p> <p><u>Billings Institute/DOH:</u> The 3% Non-Institutionalized Patients with Highest Healthcare Cost. <u>DOH/OASAS:</u> Managed Addiction Treatment Services Initiative <u>DOH:</u> Chronically Ill Medicaid Patient Initiative.</p> <p>* A cohort of 18-25 year olds should be identified separately, as potential Youth Aging out of Foster Care as part of these ongoing studies.</p>	As available	OCFS/OMH/DOH/OASAS
<p>7. Review DHCR's statewide Regional Housing Needs Study Reports developed to analyze the State's housing programs and make changes where necessary to better meet the needs of its residents.</p>	12/31/2009	DHCR /MISCC HTF Agencies
<p>8. Automate data collection and reporting by multiple housing agencies for the New York State Housing Report Card.</p>	12/31/2009	DHCR

Action 3 : Increase Awareness

Priority	Combat NIMBYism and increase awareness through a public communication and marketing campaign that includes launching an on-line affordable/accessible housing registry.
Objective	Increase access to information.
Objective	Promote community support of affordable/accessible housing.
Performance Measurement	a) Reduction in NIMBY attitudes. b) Number of airings of Public Service Announcements on television and radio. c) Number of visits to www.nyshousingsearch.gov

Implementation Actions	Date/s	Responsible Agencies
1. Launch www.nyshousingsearch.gov	11/30/2008	MISCC HTF Agencies
2. Develop a plan to expand outreach and promote awareness of existing housing resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Identify populations to be targeted. b. Develop and distribute informational materials. c. Conduct educational/informational sessions for targeted populations. d. Ensure accessible housing developed with State funds are included and updated on the accessible housing registry. 	12/31/2009	MISCC HTF Agencies
3. Work with accessible/affordable housing stakeholders to ensure citizen participation, as required by HUD, is occurring in the development of the State's Consolidated Plan so that accurate data/needs information is being taken into consideration when the plan is developed. Convene public forums to invite participation.	12/31/2009	DHCR/OTDA/ SOFA
4. Show Public Service Announcements to combat NIMBYism in media markets throughout the State.	2008-09	DHCR
5. Work with the Money Follows the Person (MFP) Housing Task Force to implement the MPF Housing Education Initiative.	12/31/2009	MISCC HTF Agencies