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Housing Grants Overview

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Statewide & Regional Housing Collaboratives



Regional & Statewide Housing Collaboratives

CDD grant 2019 through 2023

- Master Housing Navigators
- Five-year housing pilot
- Regional Housing Collaborative
- New York Housing Resource Center (NYHRC)
- Develop education and resources on non-certified housing
 - Statewide Learning Institutes
 - Connect on Housing
 - Technical Assistance

Housing Navigation

- Time limited, outcome-oriented service
- Obtaining & sustaining housing
- Certification
 - New York Alliance for Inclusion & Innovation
 - 36-hour course
 - Over 400 certified housing navigators statewide
- No direct funding mechanism
 - Options for indirect funding through self-direction.
 - Continued advocacy needed to include direct payment through Waiver or State plan amendment.
- Directory: <https://nyhrc.org/directory.php>

Benefits of Housing Navigation

- Individualized housing plan & budget
- Benefits optimization
- Transition preparation
- Coordination of the move
- Crisis resolution (HN network)
- Accountability (project management)

Housing Navigation Report

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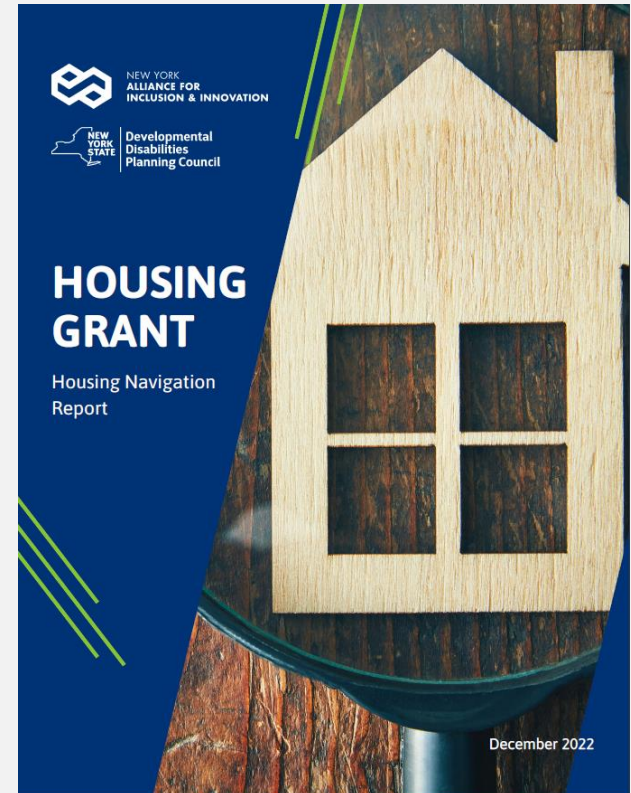
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- **Summary of Housing Pilot**
 - **29 people completed housing goals**
 - **Identifies challenges encountered**
 - **Recommendations for future work**
- **Housing Navigation supported improved outcomes**

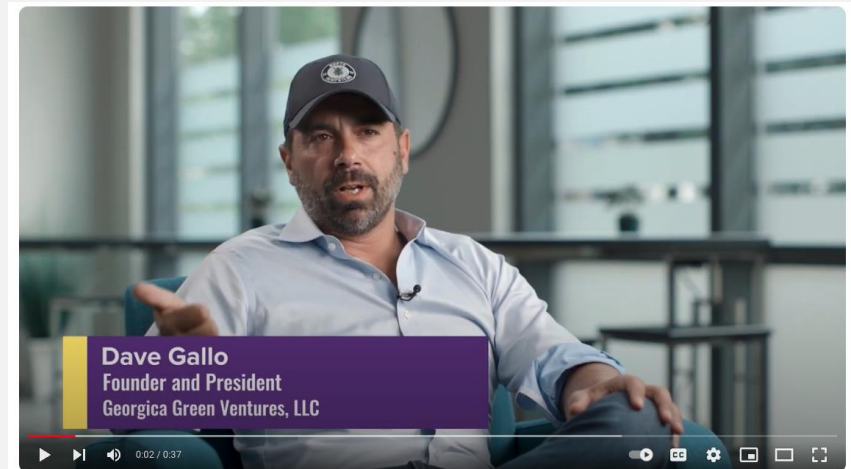


https://nyhrc.org/Housing_Models_and_Reports

Regional Housing Collaboratives

Regional Housing Collaboratives (RHCs) bring together people who are involved in creating housing for people with I/DD.

- **Meet quarterly and regionally**
- **Outcomes include:**
 - Partnership
 - Development



CDD Housing Solutions - Dave Gallo

New York Housing Resource Center

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REGIONAL RESOURCES

<https://nyhrc.org/>

- Central repository of housing-related resources for people with I/DD, families, & providers
- Varying levels of educational material
 - Learning about Housing
 - Community Education
 - Technology
 - Regional Resources
- Housing Connect



Guidebook to Rights & Responsibilities

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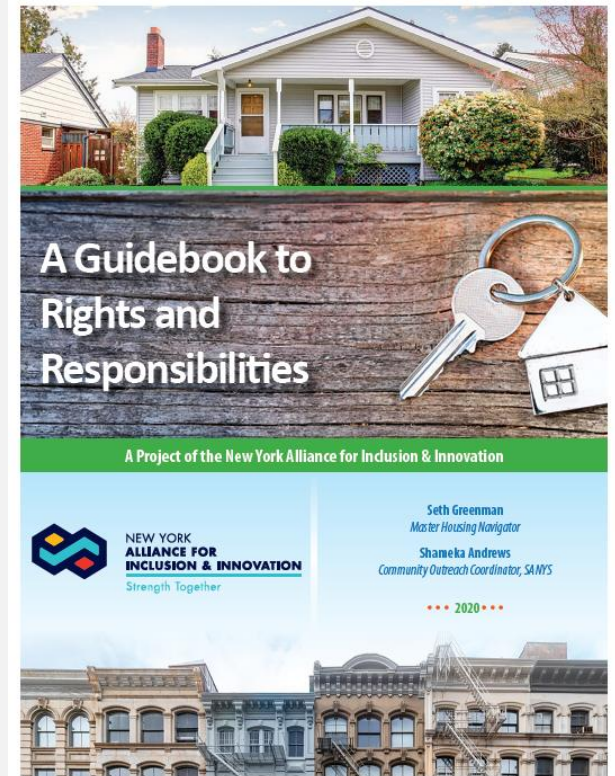
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In *A Guidebook to Rights & Responsibilities*, we have pulled together online resources from across New York State in a variety of topics relating to tenant or homeowner rights and responsibilities.

The goal of this project is to provide you with multiple resources in each topic area so that you can find the information you need in a format that works for you.



<https://nyhrc.org/Guidebook to Rights and Responsibilities>

Housing Resource Guide

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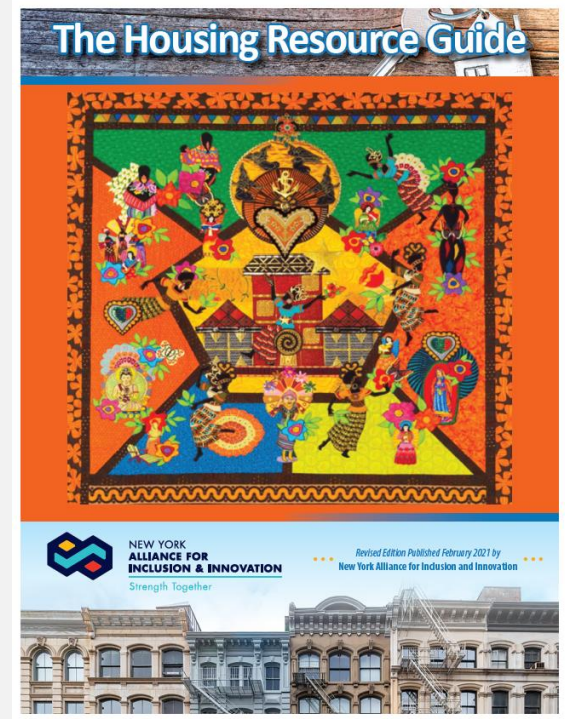
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This Guide was created to help people with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (I/DD) to understand the systems and options for housing. It is intended for the use of people with I/DD, their families and their Circle of Support including Care Managers, Fiscal Intermediaries, Direct Support Professionals, provider agencies and oversight agencies.

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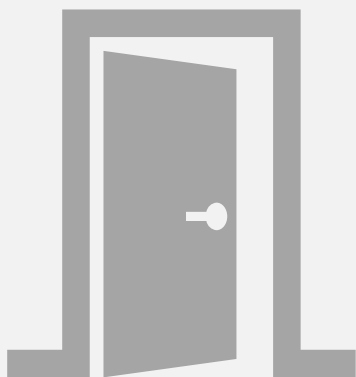
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Housing Resources for Independent Living



Housing Resources for Independent Living CDD grant began Jan 2023

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

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Resource Catalog

- **Cataloged nearly 300 resources on centralized list.**
 - **By topic and subtopic**
 - **By audience**
 - **By modality**
- **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.

2024 Work Plan

- **Website redesign and development**
 - Project kick off in March
 - Biweekly project meetings
 - User testing
 - Launch
- **Resource development**
 - Gaps identified by focus groups
 - Resource catalog modifications
 - Priority topic areas
 - Parallel education series

Next Steps



- Sign up for Housing Connect
- Get involved
 - User testing
 - Education series
- Contact us
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Post-Session Survey



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