

SECTION 23D

D. HOUSING & INDEPENDENT LIVING GOALS & STEPS

All young people aging out of foster care (with an APPLA goal) should apply to all forms of housing for which they are eligible by age 19, as it can take a couple of years to obtain housing.

AT A MINIMUM, YOUNG PEOPLE SHOULD APPLY TO:

- **NYCHA**
- **NY/NY 3 and NYC 15 Supportive Housing** (if a young person's application is submitted to either NY/NY 3 or NYC 15, it will be considered for both).

It is important to apply to these supportive housing pathways as they are less restrictive than NYCHA, particularly if the young person is a full-time student, or can benefit from more supportive services.

TIP! [Appendix E Goals & Steps Guide and Worksheets](#) contains a Roadmap of Housing & Independent Living Goals for visual purposes.

APPLYING AND OBTAINING HOUSING SUMMARY:

APPLY ↓	Coaches start by selecting the " Apply to Housing " Goals for as many forms of housing as the young person is eligible (minimally, NYCHA and Supportive Housing).
OBTAIN ↓	Once those Goals are completed and applications are submitted, the Goals will automatically become " Obtain Housing " Goals.
MAINTAIN ✓	Once the young person obtains housing, the Goals automatically become " Maintain Housing " and " Gain Independent Living/Life Skills ";

For young people in **NY NY 3 Supportive Housing**, *which ends at age 26*, the next Goal will become "Obtain permanent housing".

One or more of the following Goals would be selected by the Coach or Housing Specialist:

APPLY ↓	" Apply to NYC Affordable Housing Lottery " (if affordable housing is needed)
OBTAIN →	" Use portable Section 8 Voucher to transition from temporary to permanent housing " (if affordable housing is needed and the youth has a Voucher)
	" Transition into Market-Rate Housing " (for young people who are ready for this step)

Young people who are already in permanent housing can also apply to any of the above forms of housing, when they are ready (e.g., once they have stable employment, good credit, and strong financial management/budgeting skills).

Agencies can decide whether the Coach or the Housing Specialist checks off the steps related to applying to and obtaining housing, as some are in the Coach's domain and some are the responsibility of the Housing Specialist. At agencies where there is no Housing Specialist and Case Planners assist with the housing application process, the Coach should be responsible for checking off the steps after they are completed (e.g., overseeing the process and assisting if needed).

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