

SECTION 23F

F. OBTAINING SUPPORTIVE HOUSING (NY/NY 3 OR NYC 15)

NY/NY 3 is a temporary, supportive housing program that serves nine distinct populations, including foster youth who age out. In this program, young people need to transition out by age 26.

It includes both **congregate/residential supportive housing**, where services are voluntary, and **scattered-site housing**.

Note: The quality of services varies by housing provider.

NYC 15 is an initiative to provide 15,000 units of permanent, supportive housing over 15 years.

It has more funding than NY/NY 3 and thus more comprehensive staffing supports and on-site services for residents (all of which are voluntary). Under NYC 15, a youth aging out of care can qualify for single adult housing or housing for parenting youth (if they are pregnant/parenting). As NYC 15 is a more recent program, there are more spots open/opening.

The key differences between NY/NY 3 and NYC 15 are:

- NYC 15 is permanent housing and NY/NY 3 is temporary
- NYC 15 includes more robust staffing/on-site supports than NY/NY 3 (both are voluntary)
- While both applications require applicants to show they need supportive housing (not just affordable housing), NYC 15 is stricter about these requirements. Most foster youth aging out should meet these requirements – a clinical diagnosis is not required – if the forms are filled out correctly.

See [Appendix 17 Applying to and Obtaining Supportive Housing NYC 15](#) to ensure that a young person's application is accepted.



When a NY/NY 3 application is submitted, the application is also automatically screened for NYC 15 eligibility.

It is important that all submitted documents align with each other and clearly describe the need for supportive housing (not just affordable housing). While a young person's strengths can and should be highlighted, it is necessary to provide specifics and examples as to why they still need support in order for the application to be approved.

See [Appendix 15 Applying to and Obtaining Supportive Housing NY NY 3](#) and [Appendix 17 Applying to and Obtaining Supportive Housing NYC 15](#) or a comprehensive summary of both programs that includes: a program description; key highlights/information; pros/cons and considerations when applying; eligibility requirements; application details (required documents, application process, and timeline); and tips for Coaches and staff (common mistakes, best practices, etc.).

For a list of housing providers, see [Appendix 16 NY NY 3 Housing Providers](#) and [Appendix 18 NYC 15 Supportive Housing Providers](#).

GOALS & STEPS

All young people aging out should have [“Apply to supportive housing \(NY/NY 3 or NYC 15\)”](#) as one of their Goals for obtaining housing.

Required Steps include:

- ☐ Complete psychosocial; ensure that the psychosocial outlines need for supportive housing and is consistent with the application
- ☐ Obtain documentation of foster care history
- ☐ Submit HRA2010e application via online CAPS system

Potential Steps include:

- ☐ If psychiatric evaluation is required, work with client's psychiatrist to have this completed; if youth does not have a psychiatrist, a LCSW is now permitted by HRA to complete this evaluation.
- ☐ Request a copy of the supportive housing application

After the “Apply to Supportive Housing (NY/NY3 or NYC 15)” Goal is complete, the Coach should select the Goal, “[Obtain Supportive Housing \(NY/NY 3 or NYC 15\)](#)”

Required Steps include:

- ☐ Contact supportive housing providers where packet was submitted
- ☐ Prepare youth for interview once a spot opens
- ☐ Accompany youth on day of interview and ensure youth has all documents
- ☐ Once accepted, schedule trial discharge conference
- ☐ Apply for \$645 ACS grant for first month’s rent
- ☐ Apply for discharge grant for home goods/furniture
- ☐ Provide social-emotional support to young person during the transition process – check in on them

Potential Steps include:

- ☐ Advocate for youth to receive an interview at any agency with a vacancy
- ☐ Visit residences with young person to increase chances of being accepted
- ☐ If youth is not employed, visit HRA with client to apply for public assistance (will need letter from agency that youth is being discharged)
- ☐ Assist youth with moving in - setting up the home, unpacking home goods, etc.

See [Appendix I5 Applying to and Obtaining Supportive Housing NY NY 3](#) and [Appendix I7 Applying to and Obtaining Supportive Housing NYC 15](#) for additional information.

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