

NY Alliance Housing Navigator Training

Housing Navigation

Retaining Earnings & Saving. FSS, IDA, ABLE



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Poverty Guidelines API

Poverty Estimates, Trends, and Analysis

Marginal Tax Rates/Benefit Cliffs

Paid Family Leave

Program Participation

The 2023 poverty guidelines are in effect as of January 17, 2024. [Federal Register Notice, January 17, 2024.](#)

The [Poverty Guidelines API](#) is now available with the 2024 data.

U.S. Federal Poverty Guidelines Used to Determine Financial Eligibility for Certain Programs

HHS Poverty Guidelines for 2024

Join our [listserv](#) to stay up-to-date on the latest news regarding the poverty guidelines.

2024 POVERTY GUIDELINES FOR THE 48 CONTIGUOUS STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	
Persons in family/household	Poverty guideline
1	\$15,060
2	\$20,440
3	\$25,820
4	\$31,200
5	\$36,580
6	\$41,960
7	\$47,340
8	\$52,720
For families/households with more than 8 persons, add \$5,380 for	

FILES

[Chart Showing different multiples of the poverty guidelines for 2024 \(xlsx, 55.46 KB\)](#)

[Chart showing different multiples of the poverty guidelines for 2024 \(pdf, 135.47 KB\)](#)

[Chart showing different multiples of the poverty guidelines for prior years \(xlsx, 47.84 KB\)](#)

[Historical Poverty Guidelines through 2024 \(xlsx, 44.95 KB\)](#)

- Per federal HHS
- Single = 15,060
- $\$943 + 87 \times 12 = \$12,360$
- NY Counties lowest AMI ELI for 1 person = \$14,119

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Protected Savings

- **Earned Income Disregard (EID)!!**
- **Family Self Sufficiency Program (FSS (?))!**
- **Individual Development Accounts (IDAs)**
- **Achieving Better Life Experience (ABLE) Accounts**



HUD Housing

- **300,000 approx. NYS**
- **10,000 people I/DD?**
 - Lack of data
- **Tenant pays 30% of their income for rent**
- **Section 8 pays balance within Limits**
- **What happens if income increases?**



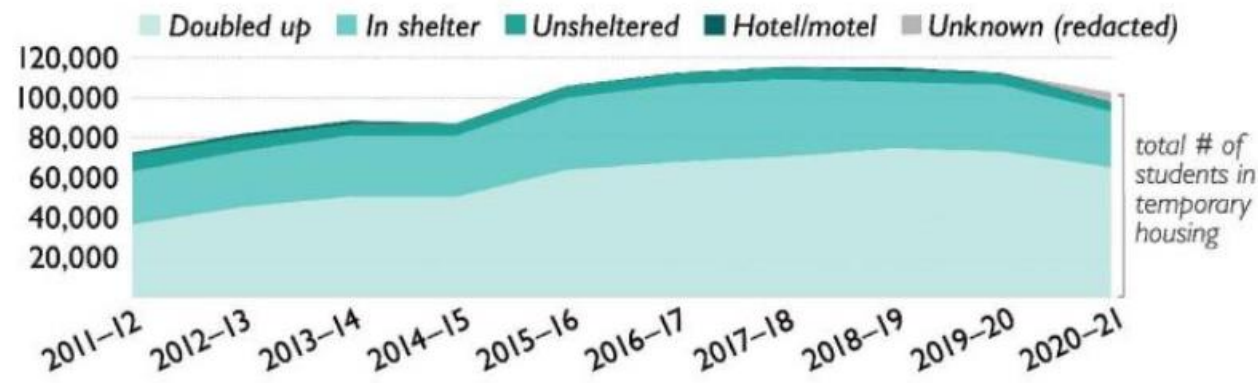
Priorities, and why we need to collaborate



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STUDENT HOMELESSNESS IN NEW YORK CITY

More than 101,000 New York City students were identified as homeless during the 2020–21 school year, a 42% increase since the start of the decade. Of these students, 28,000 spent time living in City shelters; more than 65,000 were “doubled-up,” or sharing the housing of others due to loss of a permanent residence; and at least 3,860 were unsheltered, living in cars, parks, or abandoned buildings.



The New York Times

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A Record 119,300 New York City Students Were Homeless Last Year

Tens of thousands of migrant children have enrolled in public schools, but many of them do not have a consistent place to live.

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Family Self Sufficiency

- **FSS available to Housing Choice Voucher holders and Public Housing tenants**
- **HUD pays for Program Coordinators**
- **To provide opportunities for education, job training, counseling service to achieve self sufficiency**
- **Case management provided**
- **Adapted for Youth exiting Foster care**

Family Self Sufficiency

- National Center for parents with disabilities
- 4.1 Million Parents with reported disabilities
- 2.3% with Cognitive Disability
- $4.1\text{MM} \times 2.3\% \times 6.2\% \text{ (NY/USA)} = 5,587 \text{ people}$

<http://www.intellectualdisability.info/family/articles/parents-with-intellectual-disabilities>



Objectives FSS



- **Address individual issues**
- **Provide the resident with a Contract of Participation based on strengths, needs and outcomes**
- **Case management**
- **Does your Public Housing Authority (PHA) have an FSS program?**
- **Can it be used for youth in Foster Care?**

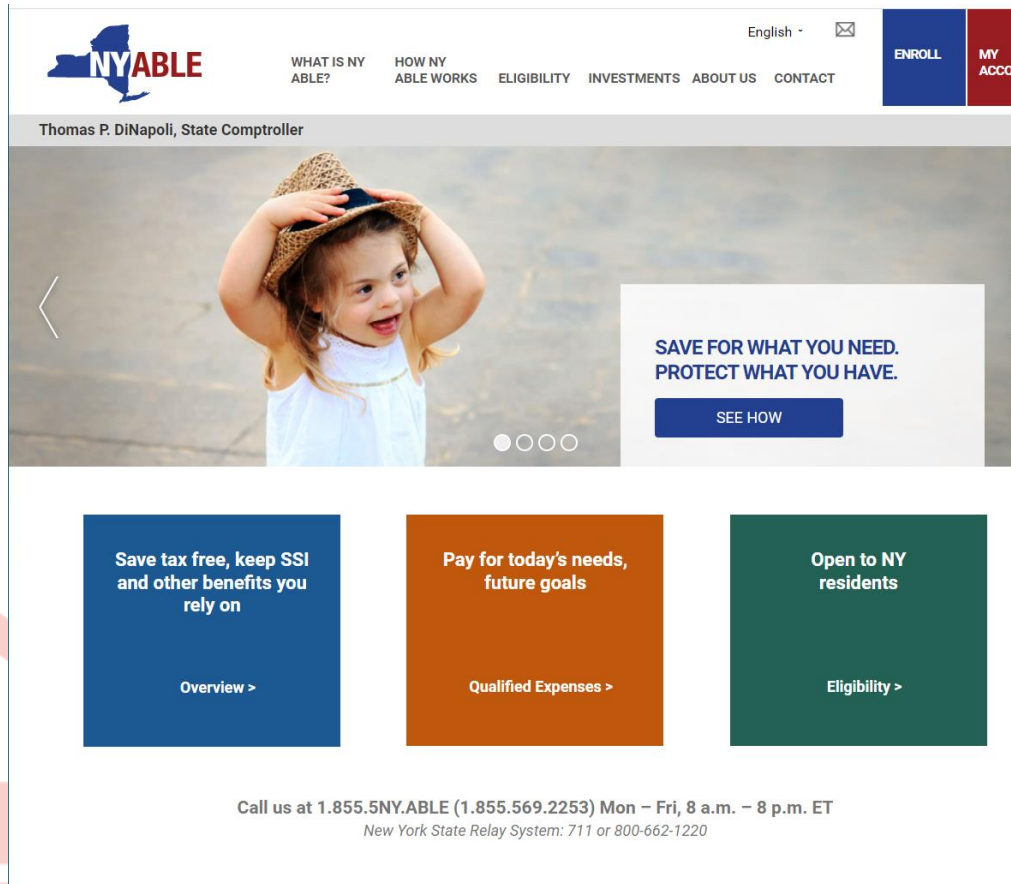
Five year Plan

- **Participants develop a five year Individual Training and Services Plan (ITSP!)**
- **Interest bearing escrow account established**
- **Any rent increase due to increased income creates a credit in the account**
- **Once the program is completed the family can use the funds for any purpose**

Goals

- **Can include;**
- **Obtaining a GED or degree**
- **Gaining employment or increasing wages**
- **Starting a business**
- **Buying a home**
- **Completion once the program is completed and removed from all types of welfare assistance**

ABLE Accounts



<https://www.mynyable.org/>

Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE)

- One Account
- Contributions from anyone including beneficiary
- Can be used for many things including housing
- Max annual third party \$18,000 in 2024 (Gift Tax)
- Person may contribute earnings up to \$15,060*
- Cap at \$100K before lose SSI, but not Medicaid
- Medicaid Lien

- *2023 FPL



Individual Development Accounts

- Time limited Matched Savings Accounts
- \$2,000 per person per year federal
- Required financial Literacy training
- Targeted goals, e.g. down payment
- Managed through Banks Faith & Partners entities
- **MUST** be “Qualified”



IDAs

- **\$1 of savings could be matched with from 50c to \$8 by public and private institutions**
- **Accounts held at local financial institutions**
- **Must include financial literacy training, budget creation, savings skills.**
- **Must be <200% of Federal Poverty Level**
- **Net worth may be considered**
- **Find an IDA!**

Find an IDA

<https://prosperitynow.org/map>

