

NY Alliance Housing Navigator Training

Housing Navigation

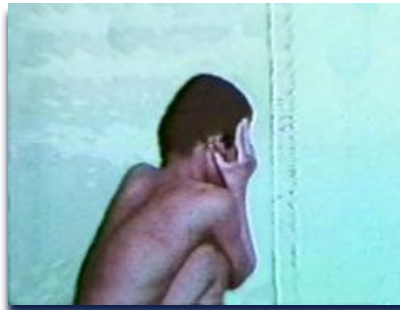
Why do we care about Housing Issues?

Part 2. Some history



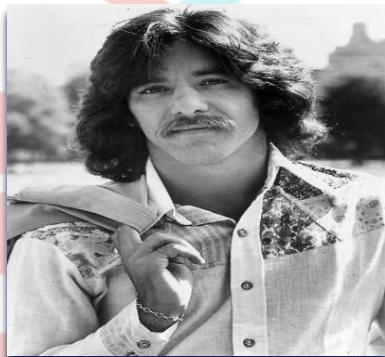
NEW YORK
**ALLIANCE FOR
INCLUSION & INNOVATION**

Where we Have been - NY is *always* about Willowbrook.



OPWDD will collaborate with the Office of Mental Health (OMH) to develop a specialized program for adults with dual diagnoses. The new transitional program, located at the former Bernard Fineson Developmental Center, will support adults discharged from OMH-certified inpatient settings while they transition to appropriate OPWDD community-based supports.

1972, Willowbrook. The awful place with the beautiful name.



Group Home Basics



- OPWDD via DDRO
- Padavan (1978)
- Prior Property Approval within limit
- Commercial bank mortgage covered by tenant SSI/SSDI/CCS
- Bed & Board State\$
- Staffing Medicaid
- Roll Up

How Certified housing is created: Appendix A in
"Reclaiming Innovation"
https://nyhrc.org/Housing_Models_and_Reports

Where we are



Group Homes, Group work, "In the Community", but not necessarily of it. – "They're not for

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Loren A. Olson M.D.
Finally Out

Loneliness Is a Killer. Why Don't We Talk About It?

Ignoring loneliness is self-defeating and hazardous to our health.



The British Journal of Development Disabilities >
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Articles

Self-Esteem and Loneliness in Adults with Mild Intellectual Disabilities Working in Sheltered Workshops Versus A Regular Work Environment

Being Socially Isolated is as Bad for Health as Smoking

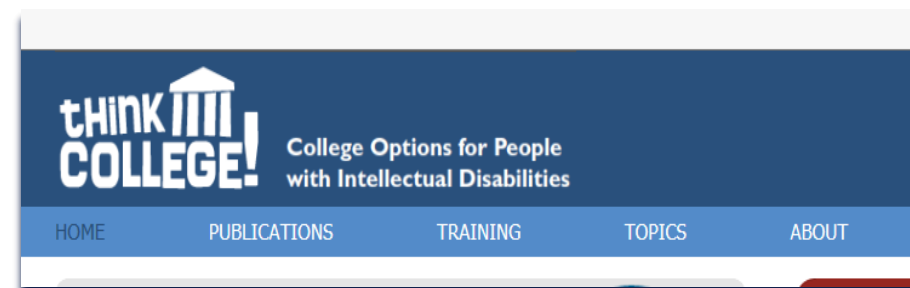
Social isolation has been found to be as bad for one's health as smoking up to **15 cigarettes** a day.

That's **more** than half a pack!



Where we are going

- People have received more schooling - CDOS
- Public awareness
- There are more supports for work or adult education
- Functional Assessment
- More independent decisions



Culture

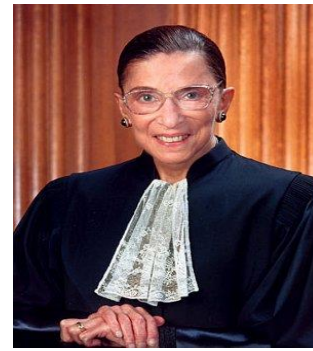
- **“Disability is a natural part of the human experience that does not diminish the right of individuals with DD to live independently, to exert control and choice over their own lives and to fully participate in and contribute to their communities through full integration and inclusion in the economic, political, social, cultural and educational mainstream of United States society”**
 - DD Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000. PL 106-42

The world

- **“Disability results from the interaction between persons with impairments and attitudinal and environmental barriers that hinder their full and effective participation in society on an equal basis with others”**
 - The UN Convention on the rights of persons with disabilities



The Law



- On June 22, 1999, the United States Supreme Court held in *Olmstead v. L.C.* that unjustified segregation of persons with disabilities constitutes discrimination in violation of title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act. The Court held that public entities must provide community-based services to persons with disabilities when (1) such services are appropriate; (2) the affected persons do not oppose community-based treatment; and (3) community-based services can be reasonably accommodated, **taking into account the resources available to the public entity and the needs of others who are receiving disability services from the entity.**

Changing Systems

- **Money Follows the Person**
- **HHS Standards for Person Centeredness**
- **Research**
- **Centers for Medicare & Medicaid (CMS)**
 - Person Centered Planning
 - Encourage Self Direction
 - Individual Budgets
 - HCBS Settings rule



Housing Crisis

"What would you say if... you could create very affordable housing and not have to spend a dime on bricks and mortar?...the housing was unencumbered by government regulations, at the same time you could meet the special housing needs of seniors and persons with developmental disabilities.."

-It's time for change, NYS OMRDD 1996

- **Group homes are an economic construct**
- **Group homes are unsustainably costly**
 - e.g. ISPM Scores 1 & 3
 - CRO =reinstitutionalization of ISPM 4, 5 & 6
- **Change is coming**
 - People are living longer – and have issues of aging
 - People are more educated
 - There is an inexorable labor shortage
 - Enabling technology is more available
 - The law and regulation require change
 - We know what best practices are
- **We are underserving**

Thank You Dr. Winodis

