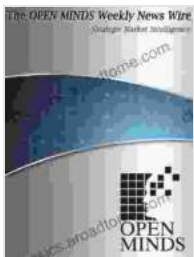


New York Settles with DOJ to Provide Supported Housing for Adults with SMI

New York has settled with the Department of Justice to provide supported housing for adults with serious mental illness (SMI). This is a major victory for people with mental illness and their advocates.



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Under the settlement, New York will create 1,500 new units of supported housing over the next five years. These units will be scattered-site, which means they will be located in regular neighborhoods throughout the state. This is important because it will help people with SMI to live in the community and close to the services they need.

The settlement also includes a number of other important provisions, such as:

- A requirement that New York provide outreach and engagement services to people with SMI who are living on the streets or in shelters.
- A requirement that New York develop a plan to increase the number of psychiatrists and other mental health professionals who work with people with SMI.
- A requirement that New York provide training to law enforcement officers on how to interact with people with SMI.

The settlement is a significant step forward in the fight to end homelessness among people with SMI. It will provide much-needed housing and services to people who are struggling to live independently.

What is Supported Housing?

Supported housing is a type of housing that provides people with SMI with the support they need to live independently. This support can include:

- Case management
- Counseling
- Medication management
- Help with daily living activities, such as cooking, cleaning, and budgeting
- Employment support
- Peer support

Supported housing is an evidence-based practice that has been shown to improve the lives of people with SMI. It can help people to:

- Stay out of the hospital and jail
- Find and keep a job
- Build relationships with others
- Live independently

The settlement with the DOJ will ensure that more people with SMI in New York have access to supported housing.

Why is Supported Housing Important?

Supported housing is important because it provides people with SMI with the support they need to live independently. This support can help people to stay out of the hospital and jail, find and keep a job, build relationships with others, and live independently.

For people with SMI, supported housing can be the difference between living on the streets and living in a home of their own. It can be the difference between being isolated and having a community of friends and family.

Supported housing is an essential part of the mental health system. It is a cost-effective way to help people with SMI live healthy and productive lives.

The Fight for Supported Housing

The fight for supported housing has been going on for decades. In the 1970s, advocates for people with mental illness began to call for the development of supported housing programs.

In the 1980s, the federal government began to provide funding for supported housing programs. However, funding for these programs has been inconsistent over the years.

In recent years, there has been a growing movement to expand access to supported housing. This movement has been led by people with mental illness, their families, and advocates.

The settlement with the DOJ is a major victory for this movement. It will ensure that more people with SMI in New York have access to supported housing.

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The fight for supported housing is ongoing. However, the settlement with the DOJ is a major victory for people with SMI and their advocates.

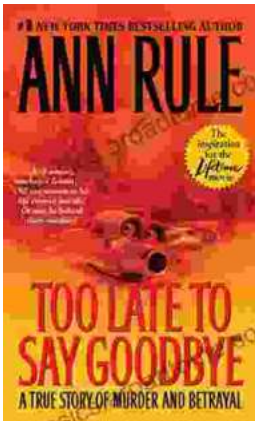


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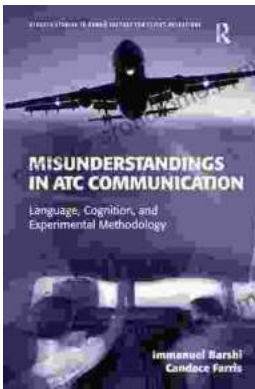
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