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# Housing for people with I/DD

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# Current work

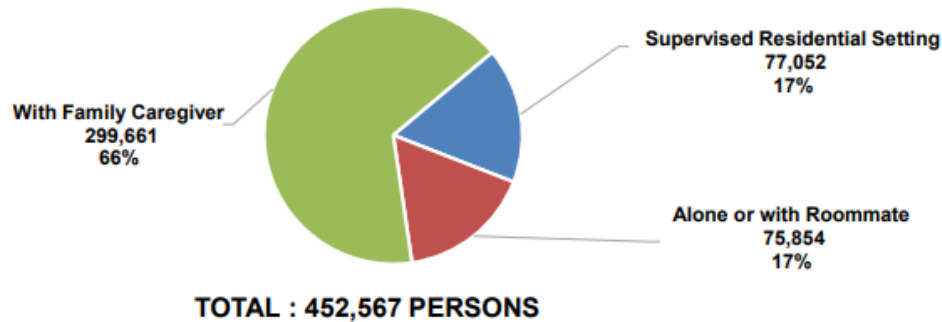
- **Housing Resource Center** <https://nyhrc.org/index.php>
  - Website Information & Resources
  - Regional Housing Collaboratives
  - Master Housing Navigators
  - Housing Resource Center
  - Statewide Learning Institute
  - Community Education
  - Technical Assistance
  - Housing Navigation pilot projects
- **Institutional Bias**
- **Housing Navigation**
- **DDAC Residential Committee**



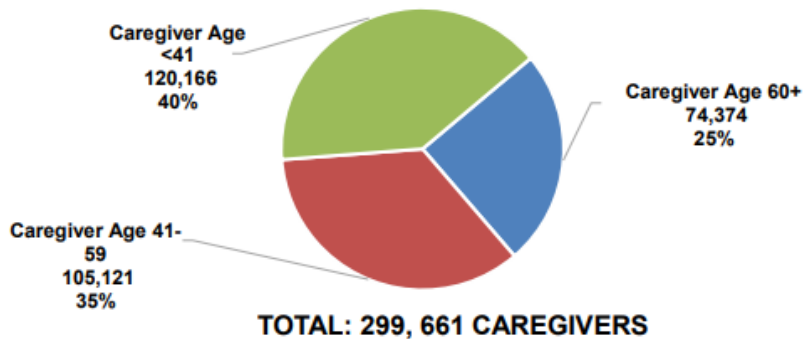
# The people

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ESTIMATED NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS WITH IDD BY LIVING ARRANGEMENT: FY 2017



ESTIMATED NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS WITH IDD BY AGE GROUP WITH FAMILY CAREGIVERS: FY 2017



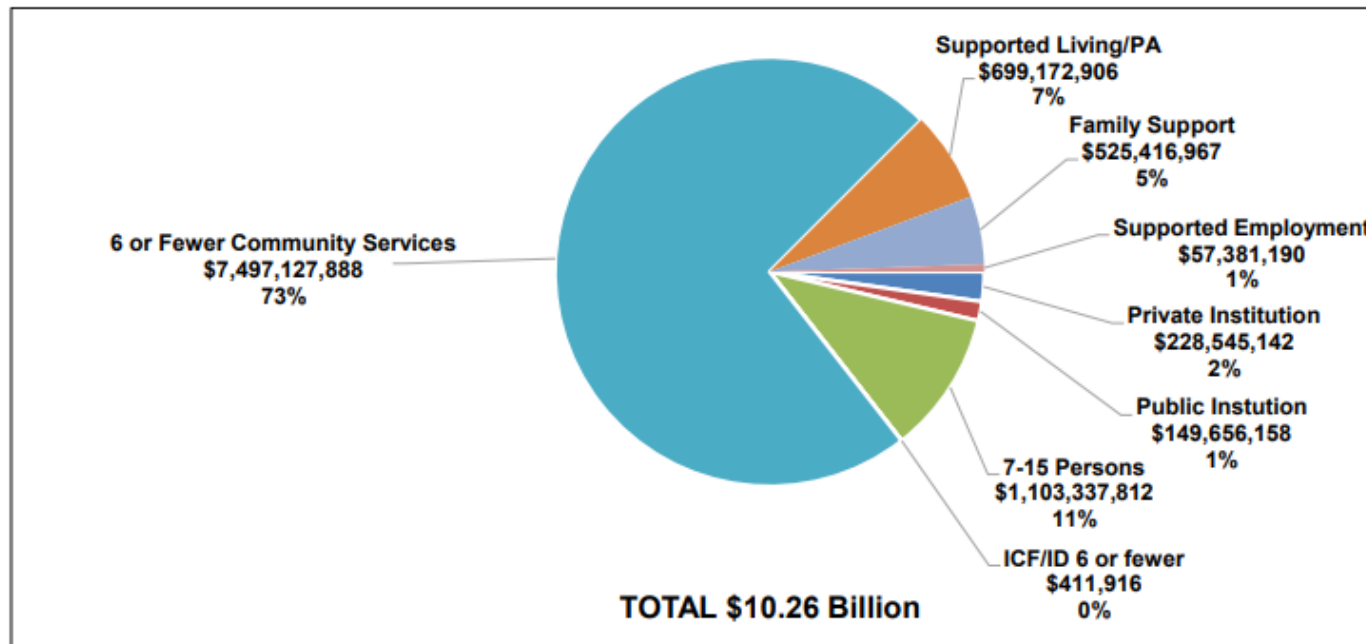
“The Office for People with Developmental Disabilities...Nearly 40,000 people receive housing supports in the form of group homes or other community-based settings and over 28,000 are enrolled in work-related services and/or supported employment.” OPWDD site

53,000 people in Queens

# Residential Spending

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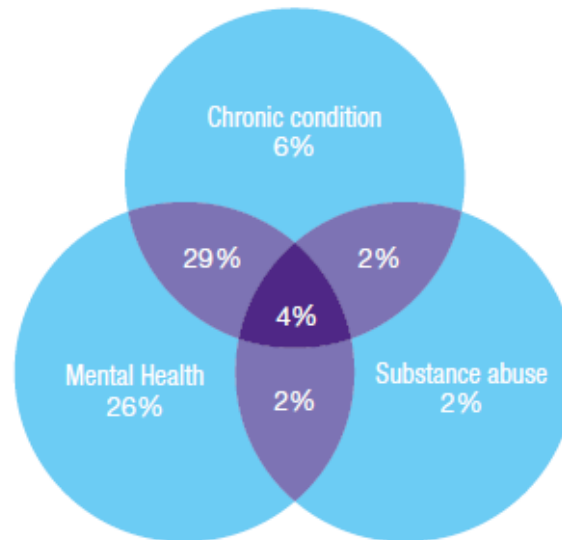
### IDD EXPENDITURES AS A PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL SPENDING BY CATEGORY: FY 2017



# Supportive housing and people with I/DD

“OPWDD Expansion of Existing Rental Services Program are showing major savings on average. (MRT Final cost report 1)”

**Figure 16. Overlap Between Types of Chronic Conditions among Office for Persons with Developmental Disabilities Expansion Program Enrollees**



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**EXHIBIT 7.9: Disability Status**  
Adults Living in PSH, 2010-2016 (in %)

Disability Type	2010	2015	2016
Any Type of Disability	78.8	82.3	86.6
Dual Diagnosis	17.3	25.3	28.8
Mental Health	24.2	32.5	36.7
Substance Abuse	11.9	8.4	9.8
Physical Disability	13.2	23.5	26.6
HIV/AIDS	6.4	6.7	7.7
Developmental Disability	3.3	5.6	6.2

# 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 unsustainably costly - the legacy of CARES**
  - e.g. ISPM Scores 1 & 3
  - CRO =reinstitutionalization of ISPM 4, 5 & 6
- **People are living longer,**
  - **But the housing isn't accessible**
- **People are more educated and integrated**
- **There is a chronic labor shortage**
- **The law points to more independence**
- **We know what best practices are**
- **We are not serving all the people who need support**

# Changing Systems can help

- Money Follows the Person
- HHS Standards for Person Centeredness
- Encourage Self Direction per CMS
- Individual Budgets
- HCBS Settings rule
- Precautionary Principle

# Reform current system

1. **Fix Self-Direction administratively, financially and culturally**
2. **Housing Navigation.**  
**300 Trained Navigators-a Waiver Service**
3. **Update the rental subsidy**  
**40% below HUD in NYC -**
4. **Repurpose property**  
**First evaluate the portfolio**  
**Create new ownership vehicles**
5. **Address Institutional bias**  
**What do you do that isn't OPWDD?**
6. **Continuum from Certified through Self Directed**



# System Reform

7. Nurse Practice Act or CDPAP Exemption
8. 633-12. Time for a grown up conversation.
9. Congregate Care Supplement
10. Planning that is not just billing.
11. Financial Planning with Benefit Maximization.  
**Take the course!**
12. Insist on Education & Training that is relevant.
13. Match-up services for housing partners and staff
14. Local Taxes –PILOTs?

# Ways Forward

- Stop making Certified group homes
- Revive OPWDD's Policy & Research unit
- Separate Property & Services
- Understand the people holistically – Mental & Physical health
- Mobilize private capital for new housing capitalization
- Mobilize family labor

# Conclusion

“You never let a serious crisis go to waste”

- Fundamental rethink
- A sense of urgency



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A screenshot of the NYHRC Housing Connect website. The page features a navigation menu on the left with links for HOME, ABOUT US, LEARNING ABOUT HOUSING, TECHNOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT, REGIONAL RESOURCES, RESOURCES, HOUSING NAVIGATORS, and FIND A HOUSING NAVIGATOR. Below the menu is a 'Housing Navigator Login' button. The main content area includes a 'Housing Connect' banner with the text 'E-Newsletter offering pertinent housing related information, projects, articles and stories!' and a 'Sign-Up Today!' call to action. Below the banner is a 'Welcome!' message from Carol Napierski and John Maltby, Co-Directors of the Housing Resource Center. To the right, there is a 'STAY CONNECTED' section with links to 'E-List Sign-Up Housing Connect' and 'Regional Resources'. An 'Accessibility Menu' is located in the top right corner. The background of the website screenshot shows various images of residential buildings.