

# New York State Coalition for Adult Home Reform



## REPORT CARD

### Progress of the Adult Care Facilities Workgroup 5 Years Later

**N**YSCAHR's mission is to fundamentally change the living conditions, care and treatment for people with psychiatric disabilities who live in adult homes. Members of the coalition include social services, disability and legal advocacy groups and people living in adult homes.

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In 2002, New York State convened the *Adult Care Facilities Workgroup* as the result of pressure brought about by a *New York Times* series detailing conditions in adult homes. The *Workgroup* eventually produced a report containing a number of recommendations to improve the quality of life and provide housing options for people living in adult homes. NYSCAHR has monitored the implementation of these recommendations and remains committed to ensuring that New York makes good on its promises to adult home residents.

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KEY RECOMMENDATION	GRADE
<p><b>Initial assessment</b></p> <p><i>The state completed 2,500 assessments of NYC-area adult home residents with a very quick turn around and high response rate. 500 residents were deemed ready to move into community housing.</i></p>	<b>A</b>
<p><b>Follow-up on information from the assessments</b></p> <p><i>No action has been taken to move the 500 identified residents to new housing and no further assessments have been done for the remaining 30,000 residents.</i></p>	<b>F</b>
<p><b>Medication assistance system</b></p> <p><i>Almost nothing done since the initial commitment to this issue. This is an important health care quality issue.</i></p>	<b>D</b>
<p><b>Case management/Peer Specialist services</b></p> <p><i>3,775 residents throughout NYS have received very good support from this specialized new OMH onsite program. More resources are needed to expand the program to reach 8,500 additional residents who can benefit from the program.</i></p>	<b>B-</b>

<p><b>Legal and lay advocacy</b></p> <p><i>Funding was authorized to create highly effective resident empowerment and advocacy services in NYC. However, no funds have been provided to extend such services in other areas. There is increasing interest for the State Office for Aging Ombudsman Program but a concern that private, confidential advocate access to residents could be limited.</i></p>	<b>C</b>
<p><b>Enforcement</b></p> <p><i>Much improved but still a long way to go.</i></p>	<b>B-</b>
<p><b>Funding for quality of life issues</b></p> <p><i>The state created EnAble funding to help residents obtain job and vocational training, develop wellness, preventive health and medication skills and learn to manage money.</i></p>	<b>B</b>
<p><b>Scattered site housing, single site mixed use facilities, congregate housing; progressive movement of residents between settings</b></p> <p><i>Of the almost 4,000 mental health housing beds that have been created in the last few years, none are targeted for adult home residents. There continues to be little movement of residents to alternative housing.</i></p>	<b>F</b>
<p><b>Limit bed capacity in homes</b></p>	<b>F</b>
<p><b>Establishment of a Commission on Adult Care Facility Reform</b></p>	<b>F</b>
<p><b>Review SSI Rate/Increase Resident PNA</b></p> <p><i>Efforts to gain resident PNA increase were realized in 2006 and 2007.</i></p>	<b>B</b>