

A two-time finalist in the NYC Nonprofit Excellence Awards, Community Access expands opportunities for people living with mental health concerns to recover from trauma and discrimination through affordable housing, training, advocacy, and healing-focused services.

We are built on the simple truth that people are experts in their own lives.



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BUILDING HOMES, HOPES...



...AND FUTURES.

Founded in 1974, Community Access is a pioneer of supportive housing and social services in NYC for people living with mental health concerns. We proudly lead advocacy efforts that rally our community to promote human rights, social justice, and economic opportunities for all.

Too often, the people we serve have been left out and shut out, seen as undeserving of the opportunity to build or re-build their lives: New Yorkers who have lived on the streets or in shelters and institutions for years (sometimes decades); who are struggling with drug and alcohol use; and who are recovering from trauma, discrimination, and isolation.



HOUSING

Community Access is one of the oldest and largest providers of supportive housing in New York City. We created an integrated housing model, which has become a best practice nationally: low-income families living side-by-side with people with mental health concerns. We have developed over 1,000 units of supportive housing in New York, and we're well on our way to at least 1,000 new units.

EDUCATION & JOB TRAINING

Person-centered and empowering, our award-winning education and job training programs combine research-based methods with the bedrock principles of peer expertise and self-determination. With well over 1,000 graduates to date, our Howie the Harp Advocacy Center in Harlem is recognized nationally as the gold standard in job training for people with mental health concerns.



CRISIS SERVICES

Community Access has spearheaded the creation and rollout of citywide alternatives to hospitalization, by opening NYC's first Crisis Respite Center. A welcoming and supportive home-like environment, it has served hundreds of New Yorkers since opening in 2013, while saving millions of tax dollars within the Medicaid Managed Care system.



HEALTH & WELLNESS

We recognize that there are many dimensions of health – physical and mental health, financial wellbeing, physical environment, social connections, and opportunities for work and learning. Our staff work every day to connect people to community resources that help to improve health and wellness across each of these dimensions. These resources include: primary care, mental health treatment, fresh food, education and employment services, and places to have fun and build connections.



ADVOCACY

By lifting up and amplifying the voices of people with mental health concerns, and by working in collaboration with other mental health and social justice organizations, Community Access helps to safeguard access to quality, affordable housing, and to promote policies that protect human rights.

