



Edwin Gould Residence

Opened in 2006, Edwin Gould Residence is single-site, 50-unit permanent housing project dedicated to young adults, including parenting young adults.

Owner, Sponsor, Property Management and Service Provider:
Edwin Gould Academy

Developer:
Housing Services, Inc., a non-profit developer of housing for homeless, low-income and elderly individuals.

Tenant Profile:
Young adults (ages 18 to 26 years old at time of entry) who have aged out of foster care and who have no permanent housing options, and who are unable to secure permanent and stable housing without special assistance.

Service Approach:
Tenants are required to participate in certain services, including attending meetings with their case managers at least once per week, attending groups on-site, and performing eight hours of volunteer services per month.

Key Features and Innovations:

- In addition to serving single young adults, Edwin Gould also provides 15 apartments for young adult parents with children.
- The housing project is affiliated with the Edwin Gould Academy, a residential care agency and specialty public school for foster-care involved children and youth.
- Residents are required to perform 8 hours of volunteer, community service every month, on-site or off-site.
- Services include:
 - Individual and family counseling, peer support groups, and independent living skills workshops.
 - Educational and vocational placement, career counseling, employment and training referrals.
 - Mental health and substance abuse counseling and treatment referrals.

Financing Information:

Capital:

New York State Homeless Housing and Assistance Program (HHAP)	\$3,675,000
Low Income Housing Tax Credits	\$4,000,000
Federal Home Loan Bank Affordable Housing Program	\$ 500,000
Private Funds and Contributions	\$ 625,000
Total	\$8,800,000

Operating and Services:

Tenant Rental Income (\$330-370 per month per unit)
Grants and Contributions

Staffing Information:

- Project Director
- Four Case Managers, each with a specialty: employment, education, intake/housing, Credentialed Alcohol and Substance Abuse Counseling (CASAC)
- Twenty-four hour, seven days a week security/front desk staff coverage.
- Staff also provides services to any youth who has aged out of foster care in NYC through referrals and walk-in.

Additional Project Details

About Edwin Gould Academy:

Edwin Gould Academy is located Rockland County, New York, and was founded in 1990 as the first residential care agency and “special act” public school in New York State to unify foster care and education under one administration. It is a coeducational residential school for 175 adolescents aged 12 through 21. All of its residents come from New York City, with many coming from Harlem and East Harlem. Edwin Gould Academy no longer operates the residential treatment center, and its current focus is providing services to young adults after foster care.

Building Design and Amenities:

Edwin Gould has 51 apartments, including 32 studio units, 16 one-bedroom units, and 2 two-bedroom units, and an additional two-bedroom superintendent’s unit. The first floor of the building provides social service and program space.

Referral Sources:

Referrals provided by Edwin Gould Academy, New York City Administration for Children’s Services, New York State Office of Family and Children’s Services, nonprofit organizations that work with homeless and foster care youth, and other public agencies and community organizations.

Significant Building Rules:

Edwin Gould allows guests in the units up to 11:00 pm only, and overnight visits by guests must be pre-approved and are limited to 3 nights consecutively. The project does not allow pets, and there is no smoking in the units or the building.

Evaluation and Quality Assurance Methods:

Residents’ progress is tracked through weekly meetings with case management staff.

Program Outcomes:

Residents are expected to improve their educational and employment outcomes over time. Although no limit is placed on tenancy, it is anticipated that residents will remain in the housing for one to three years.

About CSH:

The Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH) is a national, nonprofit organization that helps communities create permanent housing with services to prevent and end homelessness. CSH advances its mission by providing high-quality advice and development expertise, by making loans and grants to supportive housing sponsors, by strengthening the supportive housing industry, and by reforming public policy to make it easier to create and operate supportive housing. CSH delivers its core services primarily in nine states (California, Connecticut, Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island) and in Washington, DC. CSH also operates targeted initiatives in 6 states (Indiana, Kentucky, Maine, Massachusetts, Oregon, and Washington) and provides limited assistance to many other communities.

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