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## **Recent Research Demonstrates Savings for New York City through Supportive Housing for the Highest Cost Users of Public Systems**

**New York, NY** – CSH hosted a forum today to discuss the results of two recent evaluations that examined the effectiveness of supportive housing for the most frequent users of publicly funded services. Individuals utilizing public systems such as jails, shelters and emergency rooms are the most costly to the city. The [FUSE Evaluation](#) and CASA HOPE evaluations both report on the effect supportive housing has on the lives of the individuals who were placed into supportive housing versus those who were not.

Beyond saving taxpayer dollars, both evaluations noted significant benefits to the individuals who were in supportive housing. In addition to fewer trips to the emergency room, the participants also had significantly reduced jail visits and stays in the city's shelters.

The forum featured Angela Aidala, PhD., Columbia University, Mailman School of Public Health and Charles J. Neighbors, PhD, MBA, Associate Director of Health & Treatment Research at CASA Columbia University, who presented the findings and Ellen Howard Cooper, Deputy Commissioner of Prevention, Policy and Planning at NYC Department of Homeless Services to present the city's perspective on the importance of targeting.

Neighbors noted the importance of the forum saying "I see this forum as a great opportunity for cities that are contemplating implementing supportive housing programs to learn from innovative programs with demonstrable results."

The lessons learned from both evaluations have far reaching implications beyond New York City and to date CSH has replicated the FUSE model in sixteen communities across the country. FUSE is a CSH signature initiative that helps communities to identify and engage high utilizers of public systems and places them into supportive housing to break the cycle of repeated use of costly crisis services and involvement in shelters and the criminal justice system.

CSH Director Kristin Miller noted, "We know supportive housing is an effective solution to many of the problems communities of all sizes across the country face. Through innovations such as FUSE, we can target resources to bring meaningful taxpayer savings while improving the lives of the most vulnerable people."

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