

## GENERAL PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

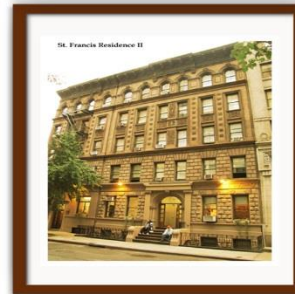
The St. Francis Residences offer permanent housing for people with a history of chronic mental illness.

Services to the tenants include: money management, medication management, advocacy, medical and psychiatric treatment, securing benefits and providing, when available, suitable clothing for the season.

Through staff interaction with the tenants, the program seeks to develop and enhance the dignity, skills and appropriate behavior of the tenants, facilitating their integration and acceptance into the community.



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THE  
ST. FRANCIS RESIDENCES



## REFERRAL AND ADMISSION GUIDELINES FOR THE ST. FRANCIS RESIDENCES

## ADMISSION GUIDELINE

## CRITERIA FOR ACCEPTANCE

### **1. A psychosocial summary**

Please include family, social, educational, vocational, drug and alcohol use/treatment, criminal, psychiatric and housing histories. Provide an ADL assessment. List all current benefits (SSI,SSD, Medicaid, etc.) and provide a copy of Medicaid card and recent award letter or check.

### **2. A Psychiatric Evaluation, including:**

- Diagnosis/decompensation symptoms/baseline
- Hospitalizations (including hospital names/dates/precipitants)
- Out-patient treatment history
- Medication history (including positive and negative results)
- History of destructive, assaultive or suicidal behavior
- History of substance abuse and treatment
- Current mental status exam
- Current medication regimen
- If studies such as EEG, CT, MRI or Neurological exam have been recently ordered and performed, please include these in the referral

### **3. A recent physical exam, including: medical history/lab values/copies of any medical consults/PPD status**

The St. Francis Residences have been providing supportive housing for seriously mentally ill tenants since 1980. Each of our three hotels is staffed by a psychiatric nurse, two activities therapists/case managers, benefits specialist, part-time psychiatrists and a visiting medical doctor. We provide supportive services to approximately 100 tenants per hotel Monday through Friday, 9:30 am to 4:30 pm. Applicants requiring 24-hour supervision, more structure or intensive substance abuse services are better served by programs that address their special needs.

We hope this information is helpful in assessing your client's housing needs

**SEND REFERRALS TO:**

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- Adults over 30 years of age
- Individuals the DSM IV Axis I diagnosis of schizophrenia or schizoaffective disorder
- Individuals who have a long history of psychiatric hospitalizations
- Individuals who are not a risk for suicide and do not have a history of dangerous or assaultive behavior
- Individuals who do not have a significant criminal history
- Individuals with active SSI, SSD or VA benefits
- Individuals who are not current alcohol or drug abusers.
- If there is a history of a substance abuse disorder, the individual should evidence meaningful participation in an addiction focused self-help group, and understand the rudimentary principles of maintaining sobriety as an outpatient.
- Individuals who are compliant with treatment including prescribed/recommended medications.
- Individuals who the St. Francis staff feels could benefit from our program and will avail themselves of existing services in addition to housing.
- Long term New York City residents
- Individuals known to be HIV-positive are not excluded from consideration.