



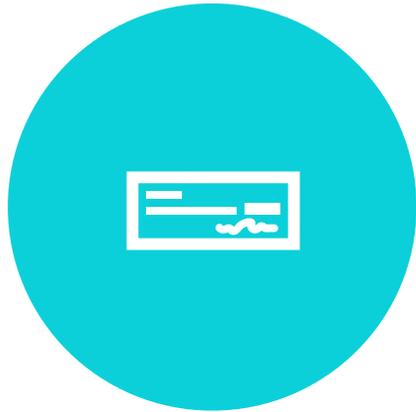
OPWDD Housing

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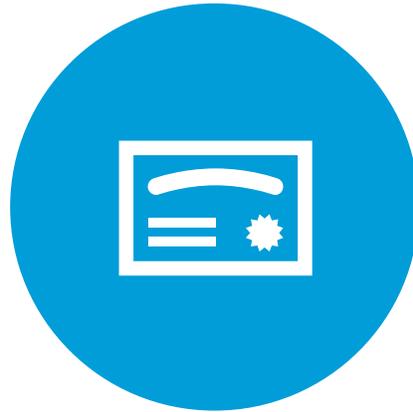


Office for People With
Developmental Disabilities

Housing Categories



NON-CERTIFIED

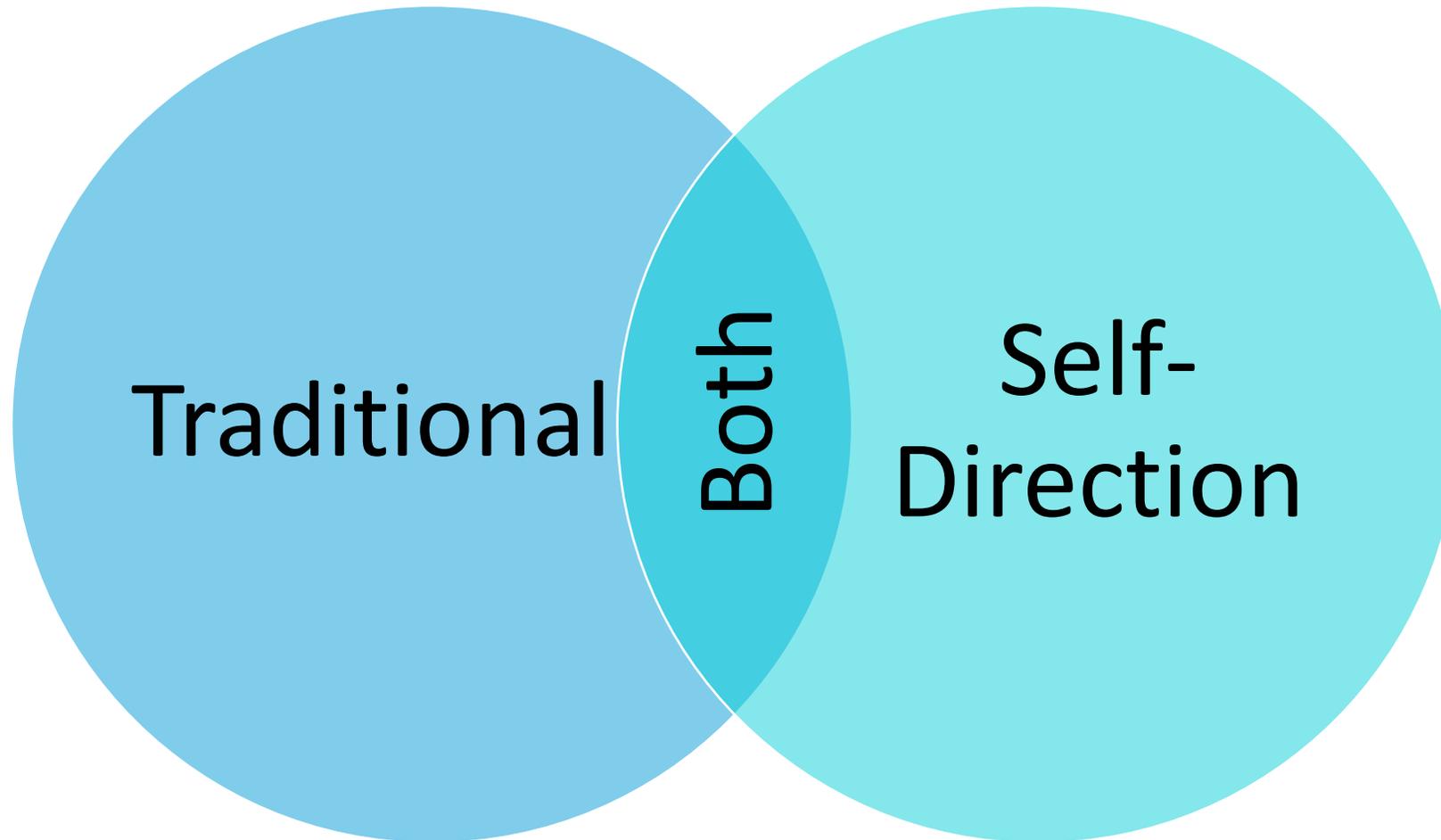


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CHILDREN'S RESIDENTIAL
PROJECTS (CRPS)

Non-Certified



Non-Certified:

Creating individual living plans

OPWDD emphasizes the importance of self-direction amongst all services.

How does this impact housing?

Housing options are voluntary. If an individual has been deemed eligible to receive OPWDD services and has the ability to make their own decision and/or has someone to assist in decision-making, they have the right to self-direct and may not be compelled to stay in any specified housing.

https://opwdd.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2022/03/sd_guidance-final_march2022.pdf



Non-Certified:

Living at Home with your family or Living Independently in your own place

Live-in Caregiver: Live-in Caregiver is an HCBS Waiver service that utilizes an unrelated care provider who resides in the same household as the waiver participant and provides as-needed supports to address the participant's physical, social, or emotional needs so that the participant can live safely and successfully in his or her own home.

[live-in-caregiver-service-documentation.pdf](#)

Paid Neighbor: The Paid Neighbor stipend is paid to a neighbor to serve as an “on-call” support. A Paid Neighbor is someone who should be available to respond when needed. Proximity in relation to the needs of the participant should be considered when hiring a Paid Neighbor, and be based upon the participant’s likely need for a particular response time. In no case should a Paid Neighbor live with the participant, nor should a Paid Neighbor be more than 30 minutes from the participant. [sd_guidance-final_march2022.pdf](#)

Self-Hired Community Habilitation: The person and their team find, hire and oversees the Community Habitation Staff. The Fiscal Intermediary (FI) operates as employer of record.



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- **Individual Goods and Services (IDGS):** items that can be reimbursed through the IDGS tab of the SDS Budget to help a person live independently such as a paid neighbor or household-related items or services.
- **Other Than Personal Services (OTPS):** Below are some items that can be reimbursed through the OTPS tab of the SDS Budget to help a person live independently
 - Phone
 - Internet
 - Personal Use Transportation: Bus passes, Taxi, Ubers, etc.
 - Clothing
 - Board Stipend (Food Subsidy)
 - Utilities

Community Habitation (CH): is a service you can get at home and in the community that provides staff to help you learn and keep the skills you need to live safely and more independently, meet people and make friends, take part in community activities and be part of your community. An agency typically identifies, hires and oversees the CH Staff. *(Traditional)*

Non-Certified: *Both* Traditional and Self-Directed

Housing Subsidy

- Based on an individual's income and the HCR Monthly Payment Standard
- [ADM #2022-03 OPWDD Housing Subsidy Program | Office for People With Developmental Disabilities](#)

Transition Stipend

- A one-time payment that covers the basic and necessary expenses associated with moving or establishing a household for the individual.
- [ADM #2022-03 OPWDD Housing Subsidy Program | Office for People With Developmental Disabilities](#)

Integrated Supportive Housing (ISH)

- <https://opwdd.ny.gov/providers/housing>

Empire State Supportive Housing Initiative (ESSHI)

- <https://opwdd.ny.gov/providers/housing>

Assistive Technology

- <https://opwdd.ny.gov/types-services/AT-E-Mods-V-Mods/>

Environmental Modifications (Emods)

- Includes physical changes made to your home, such as ramps, lifts or handrails, that can help you live safely in your home and get out into the community. These can take a long time to plan.
- <https://opwdd.ny.gov/types-services/AT-E-Mods-V-Mods/>



Certified



Intermediate Care Facilities (ICF): Must meet level of care for institutional placement.



Individualized Residential Alternatives (IRAs): You may also be supported to live in a certified home in the community called an IRA with a small number of other people with developmental disabilities. The agency that runs the home will make sure there are staff there to meet your needs and the needs of the other people living in the home.

Supervised: 24-hour staff

Supportive: Certified, non-24/7 options that allow for 21 hours of residential support per week

Transitional: 2yr stay to assist member improve independent living skills



Family Care: OPWDD supports you to live in another family's home called a Family Care Home. The Family Care Home is certified or overseen by OPWDD and will make sure that you have the help you need to be safe and active, and do the things that families do, like eating together and spending time together.

Certified Residential Providers in Broome County

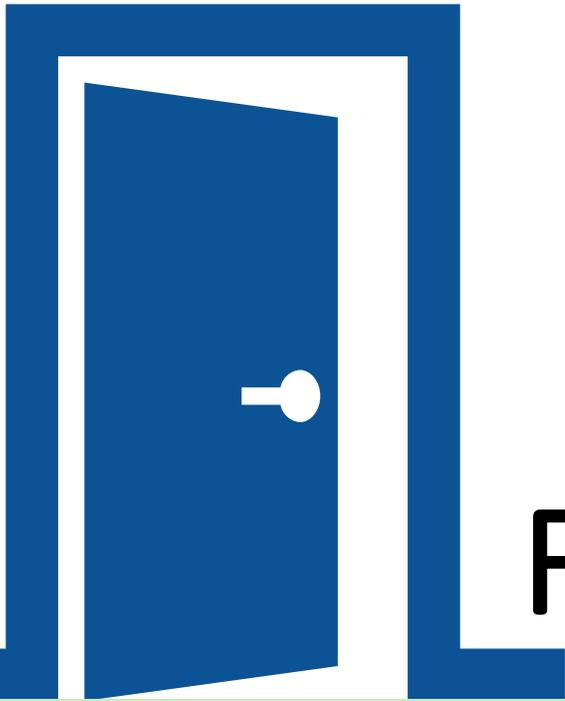
Provider	Service(s)	Link
Achieve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supervised Apartments • Supervised Residences • Supportive Apartments 	At-Home, Residential Services ACHIEVE Services - NY ACHIEVE
Catholic Charities of Broome County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supervised IRAs • Supervised Transitional IRA 	Developmental Disabilities Services : Residential Services : Programs : Catholic Charities of Broome County
Community Options	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supervised IRAs • Supervised Transitional IRA 	Housing Community Options, Inc.
Empowering People's independence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supervised IRA 	https://link.edgepilot.com/s/8ee3175d/7EfARHVbFUylicryF3CHpA?u=http://www.epiny.org/developmental-disabilities/residential/
Helping Celebrate Abilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supervised IRAs 	Residential Services HCA - Helping Celebrate Abilities - Johnson City, NY & Endicott, NY
Springbrook	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supervised IRAs • Supportive Apartments 	https://springbrookny.org/
Broome DDSO (OPWDD)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supervised IRAs • Family Care 	https://opwdd.ny.gov/location/broome-developmental-center

Children's Residential Projects (CRPs)



CRP programs are the result of a joint endeavor between the State Education Department (SED) and the Office for People With Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) to provide educational and residential programs for severely developmentally disabled children. Children classified within the education system as autistic, intellectual disability, orthopedically impaired, other health impaired, traumatically brain injured or multiply disabled may be eligible for placement in a CRP program. The CRP is a voluntary program, and parents must agree to participate before a district can pursue placement.

Children's Residential Project programs consist of an SED-approved private school, also known as an 853 School, and an OPWDD-certified residential facility, known as an Intermediate Care Facility for Developmentally Disabled (ICF/DD). As a result of this joint State agency involvement, admission to CRP programs is limited to those children identified through the education system as needing educational/residential services who also meet the residential eligibility criteria for the ICF/DD established by OPWDD.



Front Door Access

The Care Coordination Organizations (CCO) serving Broome County are:

- ◆ **Lifeplan**
- ◆ **Prime Care**
- ◆ **Southern Tier Connect**

CCOs employ Care Managers or “**Support Brokers**” to assist with this process and accessing services.