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**Housing
and People
with Disabilities**



NEW BROOKLYN BUILDING OFFERS AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

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Model: Apartment housing where people with and without disabilities live together in the same building

- 1 out of every 4 apartments are for people with I/DD
- The rest of the apartments are for people without disabilities.
- Everyone lives as tenants with full rights, just like in any apartment building.

Who lives there

- Adults who get HCBS services
- People with different support needs (some need more help, some need less)
- People without disabilities also live in the building



What the apartments are like

- People live in their own apartments (not group homes)
- Apartments are affordable
- Buildings might include shared spaces like:
 - Laundry rooms
 - Community rooms
 - Outdoor areas (like patios)

Some apartments include:

- Wide hallways and accessible kitchens/bathrooms
- Automatic doors
- “Smart home” technology (like video, lighting, and temperature controls)



How support works

- A staff person is on-site in the building
- People can get help if they want it
- Each person also has their own service provider
- Supports are based on what each person needs and can change over time

What makes this model different

- People with disabilities live in a regular community, not separated
- It supports independence and choice
- People can choose to live near others with disabilities (like on the same floor) if they want
- Housing and services are separate, so people keep their rights as tenants



How it is funded

- The buildings are created using affordable housing programs
- The state helps pay rent through rental subsidies
- The state also helps pay for support services

Simple takeaway

This model helps people with disabilities:

- Live in their own apartment
- Be part of a community
- Get the support they need
- Have more independence and choice than in group homes



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