



NYSACRA Center for Innovation & Development  
Training Academy

**Housing Navigator Training (Manhattan) summer 2016**

The New York State Association of Community and Residential Agencies (NYSACRA) Housing Navigator Course was developed in 2015 through the Balancing Incentive Program (BIP) grant. The 30 plus hour course provided relevant education and resources to assist a Housing Navigator in supporting a person with I/DD in creating housing options. NYSACRA's Center for Innovation & Development Training Academy will deliver the revised course beginning in June.

Students will learn how housing is funded, developed and sustained. They will understand how to base the housing process in the needs of the individual, their social capital, their assets and income and their choices and options. They will design an individual's housing plan. At the conclusion of the course, they will be qualified to create housing opportunities for individuals and to develop agency capacity for more housing options.

New York is facing a housing crisis for people with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (I/DD); housing costs are high, housing is scarce, and our I/DD system is undergoing significant change. Supporting people to find housing opportunities can be challenging with today's evolving systems and leaner budgets. Agency housing professionals may have limited knowledge of housing systems, eligibilities, entitlements and the opportunities afforded through housing networks.

**Commitment.** Students will be expected to participate in all sessions. After a one hour introductory webinar there will be an opening two-day in-person session in Manhattan. This will be followed by a series of six weekly webinars. The course will conclude with a second two-day in-person session in Manhattan. Reading assignments and feedback papers will be assigned throughout the course.

Synopsis of the 10 week course flow: **In person sessions will be held in Manhattan**

June 8	webinar	10-11
June 15	in person session (NYC)	10:00-5:00
June 16	in person session (NYC)	8:30-3:30

June 22	webinar	10-11
June 29	webinar	10-11
July 6	webinar	10-11
July 13	webinar	10-11
July 20	webinar	10-11
July 27	webinar	10-11
August 3	in person session (NYC)	10:00-5:00
August 4	in person session (NYC)	8:30-3:30
August 10	webinar	10-11

The course is restricted to 30 students. Cost for the 10 week course; 8 webinars and 4 in person session is \$800 which includes lunch at the in person sessions

Any questions or special arrangements please call Carol Napierski at 518-449-7551 or e-mail her at caroln@nysacra.org.

**Comments from the first class of students.**

“The experience and knowledge I have gained will help me a great deal in my current project and career. The course was extremely informative and all the presenters were more than qualified and educated on their material.” MSC & Residence Manager

“I would recommend this course to anyone that has a chance to take it.” Agency residential supervisor

“It was full of rich and useful material that I found myself applying in my job even before the course was over”. MSC/DSP

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