

Moving On

Made possible by the Williams Consent Decree

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What is the Williams Consent Decree?

On September 29, 2010, the State of Illinois entered into a Consent Decree, settling the Williams vs Quinn lawsuit, first filed in 2005. The lawsuit alleged that Illinois was in violation of Title II of the American with Disabilities Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act by needlessly segregating Plaintiffs, a class of 4,500 residents with serious mental illnesses living in institutional settings, and denying them opportunities to receive services in more integrated community-based settings.



What is the desired outcome of the Settlement?

To afford residents of nursing facilities/Institutes for Mental Diseases (IMD's) opportunities to live in the most integrated community-based housing options with support services to address their mental health and wellness needs; to assist them in maximizing their personal recovery in their own homes and to assist them in having quality of life outside of an institutional setting.

Who is considered a Class Member?

All Illinois Residents who are 18 years and older who:

- Are institutionalized in privately owned nursing facilities classified as IMD's
- Have a serious mental illness
- With appropriate supports and services may be eligible to live in an integrated community setting

- Assistance with finding housing in the community of your choice
- Flexible community services and supports according to your needs
- Subsidized rent
- Financial assistance with security deposit and other one-time move-in costs

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