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“Supportive Housing Needs in NJ” Report Findings and Recommendations are Topic of Free Webinar, 9/23

Research reveals that NJ needs more than 17,000 additional supportive housing homes for older adults.

TRENTON, NJ (Sept.17, 2020) – Earlier this year, the Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH) conducted research on the supply and quality of supportive housing to meet the need of older adults across New Jersey. What they discovered was that more than 17,000 additional supportive housing homes are needed.

These findings, plus recommendations, will be presented in “Supportive Housing Needs in NJ,” a free webinar that is part of [NJ Foundation for Aging’s Policy Webinar Series/Policy Issues in the Field of Aging](#). The webinar, featuring Courtney Christenson and Cassondra Warney from CSH, takes place on Wednesday, Sept. 23, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. To register, click [here](#). The series is sponsored by [Archer Law Office, LLC](#).

“Taking a deeper look at the need for supportive housing in our state will help inform future decisions for housing programs, and ultimately, provide safer, more affordable homes for older adults and those living with disabilities,” says Melissa Chalker, Executive Director, [NJ Foundation for Aging \(NJFA\)](#).

The [CSH](#) defines supportive housing as “Very affordable rental housing forming a platform of stability for vulnerable people who do not have a home or are leaving institutions or hospitals. It is linked to intensive case management and voluntary, life-improving services like health care, workforce development and child welfare.”

Christenson and Warney will present the data analysis as well as key recommendations that were developed by a diverse stakeholder group. The six recommendation topics are COVID-19, service funding, capital financing, eligibility criteria, workforce development and “NIMBY-ism.” These topics will serve as the foundation for further dialogue between stakeholders and advocacy groups throughout NJ, leading towards finding solutions for meeting the housing and service needs of vulnerable older adults.

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