

Program Information

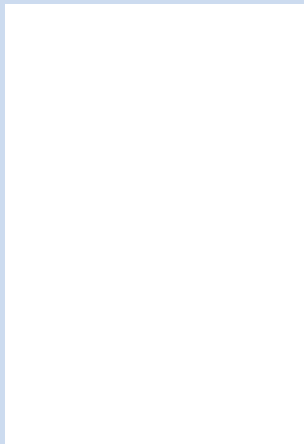


Residential Services began in 1986 as a 14-unit apartment building on Lemon street on Buffalo's East Side. It has since grown to include licensed group homes and 94 unlicensed apartments. Our goals remain:

- To provide appropriate housing opportunities for those with psychiatric disabilities to live as independently as possible in the community.
- To teach skills that will empower individuals to live independently in their communities.

BFNC operates two programs: the Licensed Community Residence Program, serving consumers who benefit from a structured approach and regular assistance; and the Supported Housing Program, designed for those who can live independently but benefit from intermittent contact to help them maintain independence.

Licensed Community Residence Program

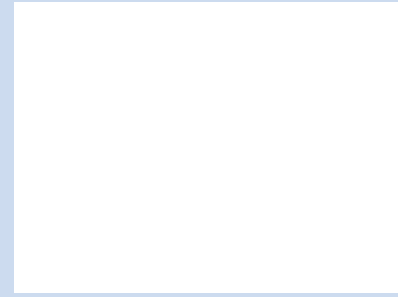


This program is licensed by the New York State Office of Mental Health.

Clients are helped to manage their illness and develop the necessary living skills to maintain themselves in the least restrictive environment possible. The program is specialized to the needs of the consumer, including those who may have substance abuse issues.

Services include:

- Assertiveness/self-advocacy training
- Community integration services and resource development
- Daily living skills training
- Health services
- Medication management and training
- Parenting training
- Rehabilitation counseling
- Skill development services
- Socialization
- Substance abuse services
- Symptom Management



Living Options include:

- Supervised residences providing 24/7 supervision in a group setting.
- Single occupancy efficiency apartments in the Fruitbelt Towers staffed 24/7 by BFNC.
- Supportive apartments with one or two bedrooms. Regular BFNC staff visits (at least four times a month), monthly medication counts, assistance in scheduling medical appointments, crisis service intervention, planning and implementation of small group activities to promote recreation and leisure-time pursuits.

Supported Housing

This flexible option provides permanent subsidized housing throughout Erie County. Residents choose their own apartment and receive support services as needed (assistance setting up apartments and obtaining the services they are entitled to) in addition to rental assistance. Staff visits are provided as necessary, but at least once a month.