

PILOT PROGRAM OPPORTUNITY

As a pilot program, YHC will...

- Help our state develop a sustainable model for supportive housing that can be replicated.
- Inform a review and hopefully legislation that considers an integrated, possibly multi-agency, funding solution (Medicaid, SSI, AND HOUSING)
- Move away from the Crisis response – there will always be instances of crisis, but with more intentional communities for which families and DA s can plan the future for individuals with ID/DD, we can lift many of these situations out of crisis and decrease costs.
- Contribute to workforce development – hands-on staff want to work for YHC because of the team-based model and collaborative atmosphere. We can learn from this and help build a stronger, more reliable and retained workforce.
- Help re-consider the System of Care funding requirements (again pre-empt the crisis situation) to make it easier for those in need to find solutions and find CHOICE.
- Create a Toolkit and provide consulting to other family groups, DA s, others who want to develop residential options.



THE YELLOW HOUSE COMMUNITY

Some specifics...

- Licensed Therapeutic Community Residence (TCR)
- Located in downtown Middlebury
- 2 Dwelling Units (so far...)
- 4 Residents as of September 2021 in the Yellow House
- 14 Staff (current)
 - Executive Director
 - Program Director
 - Foodie
 - “Sidekicks”
- 4 New Residents Expected Summer/Fall 2022 in Carriage Barn (processing applications now)
- Currently Hiring for Carriage Barn



STRATEGIC DIRECTION

2022

Spring 2022

- * Complete Carriage Barn (CB)
- * Review CB applications
- * Hire for CB



Summer 2022

- * Summer Day Programming for Residents & prospective CB residents



Fall 2022

- * Carriage Barn residents move in



Fall/Winter 2022

- * Settling
- * Expand Day Programming

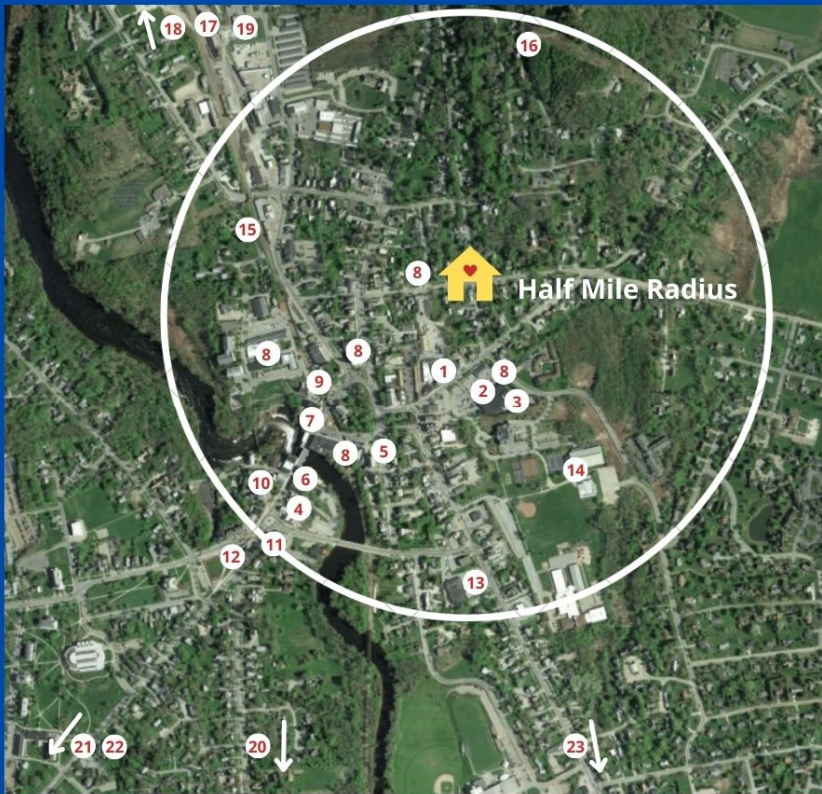


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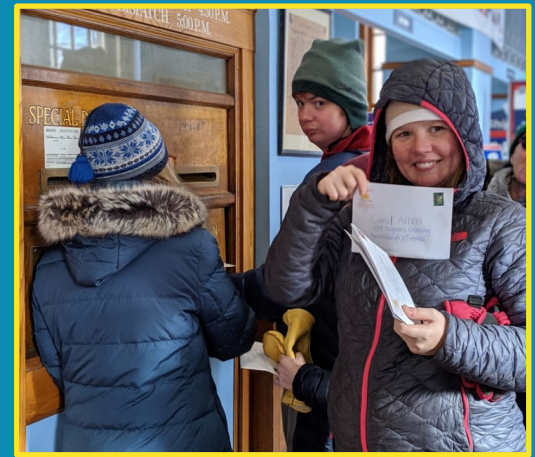
- * Scaling
- * House #3
- * Advocacy
- * Replication
- * Industry



YHC COMMUNITY INTEGRATION



- 1 3 Grocery Store
- 2 12 Bus Stops
- 4 Public Library
- 5 Town Hall Theater
- 6 Movie Theater
- 7 Book Shop
- 8 Restaurants
- 9 Post Office
- 10 Museum
- 11 Counseling Services of Addison County
- 13 Hardware & Pharmacy
- 14 Middlebury Town Pool
- 15 Train Station
- 16 Chipman Hill Recreation Area
- 17 Garden Supply Store (0.8 mi)
- 18 Trail Around Middlebury & Wright Park (0.8 mi)
- 19 Middlebury Farmers' Market (0.85)
- 20 Porter Hospital (1.7 mi)
- 21 Middlebury College Pool & Track (1.6 mi)
- 22 Orchard (8 mi), Sculpture Park (10 mi), Wiley Side Farm (11 mi)
- 23 Middlebury Basketball Gym (1.2 mi), Lake Dunmore (10 mi)



FUNDING

- Yellow House has been privately funded in its start up. These upfront costs include:
 - The cost for the property
 - Renovations and construction to meet our program's need
 - Facility life safety and accessibility upgrades as prescribed by the TCR license and our insurance companies
 - Lots of insurances!
 - Hiring an ED
 - Being fully staffed and trained prior to receipt of our licensure
 - Hiring a Nurse Affiliate (licensure requirement)
- Medicaid Waiver funding and SSI help to cover **direct costs** associated with care and a small amount of Room and Board
- Because resident funding is based on the Shared Living Provider model, there is **zero funding for indirect costs** related to our model and TCR license (e.g. insurances, admin staff, nurse, facility upgrades – sprinkler system, fire alarms, ventilation system)
- **Care** is largely covered, but **housing** is not
- **YHC faces a \$32,000 annual funding gap per resident**



COVERING THE FUNDING GAP

We know how to do this collectively. Here are some options:

- Subsidize licensed TCRs for indirect expenses equally on a per resident basis (the same way the state subsidizes Group Homes, nursing facilities, and corrections facilities)
- Provide access to low-income housing subsidies and vouchers for TCR residents (currently the State of Vermont restricts Section 8 accessibility to one per residence/household); each individual with ID/DD served who meets poverty standards should be eligible to receive the assistance
- Assist organizations with capital expenditures, so their investment dollars can be used for an endowment, which will in turn generate supplemental income.
- Fundraising & Grants

Note: this is a complex problem that to be financially sustainable requires an integrated solution.

Up front, this may cost more; down the line, it should save money due to minimal turnover and re-placement for individuals with ID/DD and also for staff.

