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This upcoming year will see continued changes within Cazenovia Recovery Systems. Our agency will, as always, respond consistently with patience, knowledge, and excellence due to our wealth of experience.

The first major transition involves Visions Place. The priority of its funders has changed from transitional housing to permanent housing for the chronically homeless. Funding for the program was scaled back dramatically, and the agency made the difficult decision to close the program. Visions Place will close this summer and will work to place its current residents in programs that best suit their needs.

a combined program at 923 Sycamore Street. The new program will serve the same population that was helped at New Beginnings and Ivy House: men aged 18 and over in recovery from substance use. There will be no disruption of service in the move from New Beginnings and Ivy House to the new program at 923 Sycamore Street.



Ivy House

We are incredibly proud of what the staff at these programs have accomplished over the years. Together, Visions Place, New Beginnings, and Ivy House have assisted thousands of individuals on the path to recovery. It saddens us to see these invaluable programs close, but we recognize the changing environment in which we operate.



New Beginnings

Shortly after the closure of Visions Place, New Beginnings and Ivy House will both transition to their new location as

By the end of the year, the agency also

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Staff Spotlight

Let's Congratulate:

Kristin Harnischfeger from Visions Place on receiving her LMSW licensure!

Lisa Johnston from Visions Place for achieving her CASAC certification!

Let's Welcome:

Artilla Lewis (Residence Monitor, Casa Di Vita)

Larry Vance (Residence Monitor, Cazenovia Manor)

Catherine Gallagher (Counselor Associate, Turning Point House)

Mark Coleman (Residence Monitor, Visions Place)

Cazenovia Creators & Catchers:

Andie Loranty, Michael Dameron, and Dominique Johnson for their tireless and creative efforts filling in while one of their fellow staff members was out on medical leave

Venus Wiggins for helping to create a more effective appointment verification form

Mary Beth McCormick for spearheading the weight room renovations at Turning Point House

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expects to begin a new housing program that will serve 32 chronically homeless individuals with mental illness who are also in recovery from substance use. This population is currently being served at Visions Place. These residents will receive services in their own scattered-site apartments, as opposed to a larger community-style residence.

Thanks to the dedication, flexibility, and cooperation of our staff, we will handle these transitions with confidence and ease. These changes will allow us to continue to provide hope and care to underserved populations throughout Western New York.

Name the Program Contest

The agency is holding a contest to name our new New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS) Community Residence that will open this summer at 923 Sycamore Street. Keep in mind that the program will serve men in recovery from substance abuse who are 18 years of age and older. Anyone may enter the contest by submitting a creative name. Submissions should be emailed to Ed Cichon at ecichon@cazenoviarecovery.org before Friday, March 20. The program's name will be announced this spring and the creator of the winning entry will receive a \$25 gift card.



923 Sycamore Street main entrance



Group Room at 923 Sycamore Street

Update Three Program Contacts

With the opening of our new office space at 605 Fillmore Avenue, the contact information for some of our programs has changed. Please update your records for each of the following programs:

- **Supportive Living** (effective now) and **Vocational Program** (effective Wednesday, March 11): 605 Fillmore Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14212; Phone: (716) 894-7274; Fax: (716) 894-7275
- **Housing Program** (move effective on Wednesday, March 11): 1430 Main Street, Buffalo, NY 14209; Phone: (716) 894-7298; Fax: (716) 894-7308



Supportive Living staff at 605 Fillmore Avenue

Braving the Winter

This February has been the coldest month in the history of Buffalo, and it looks like spring won't arrive any time soon. Please be aware of the first signs of frostbite: your skin will feel very cold and turn pale or red. At the second stage, you may start to experience numbness, tingling, or a feeling of warmth. If you exhibit these second stage symptoms, seek medical attention immediately, especially if you notice ice crystals on your skin or have increased discomfort. Stay safe and stay warm!



The Administrative Office