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## BRING IT HOME CAMPAIGN ADVOCATES STRESS SUPPORTIVE HOUSING AS FOUNDATION FOR RECOVERY ON STATEWIDE TV PROGRAM

*‘Mental Health Now’ Features Coalition Leaders and Residents*

**Albany, NY** –Coalition leaders, mental health advocates, and residents from the Bring It Home campaign spoke about the critical role of supportive community-based housing in the latest episode of [“Mental Health Now,”](#) produced by the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) in New York State.

NAMI’s Matthew Shapiro spoke with guests involved with [Bring It Home: Better Funding for Better Care](#) on the importance of housing programs with wraparound services to mental health recovery.

Former resident and advocate Tiffany Monti shared how supportive housing was key in her recovery. “I wanted to recover, I wanted to feel better, but I didn’t know what that looked like. When I was struggling they saw the possibilities in me... Once I found stable housing I wasn’t struggling anymore.”

New York State’s supportive housing providers have been stretched thin due to decades of underfunding. The Bring It Home campaign is urging the Cuomo administration and legislators to properly fund these critical programs.

On the show, Antonia Lasicki, Executive Director of coalition member Association for Community Living, in New York State also explained the necessity for adequate state funding to housing providers. She said, “Often folks find themselves in hospitals, or in other settings [jails] that are not ideal. Housing programs get people to the point where they can live on their own later.”

Housing providers and mental health advocates have seen the successes possible when those with serious psychiatric disabilities have access to stable supportive housing. Members of the Bring It Home coalition are working to ensure the 2018 state budget includes funding allocated to these nationally renowned, proven services.

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**About the Coalition: Bring It Home: Better Funding for Better Care**

[Bring it Home](#) is coalition of community-based supportive housing providers, mental health advocates, consumers and their families, urging New York State to adequately fund community-based housing programs for individuals with psychiatric disabilities. Full recovery and community reintegration depends on stable housing opportunities. Through education and advocacy, Bring it Home is working to bring *better funding for better care* to New York.