

New York State illegally moving convicted sex offenders from prisons into group homes with the developmentally disabled

Three State agencies are involved in placing convicted sex offenders in group homes or hiding this information from the families and the general public

ALBANY, NEW YORK, UNITED STATES, September 20, 2018 / EINPresswire.com/ -- The Jonathan Carey Foundation has uncovered that the Department of Corrections is releasing convicted level 2 and level three 3 sex offenders illegally into OPWDD facilities and group homes caring for the developmentally disabled state-wide.

After successfully helping to stop the Department of Corrections from moving a level 2 sex offender into an OPWDD Route 50 group home in

Governor Andrew Cuomo and top New York State officials within three State agencies have illegally allowed the placement of convicted sex offenders to live with people with developmental disabilities

Saratoga County, the Jonathan Carey Foundation has found an additional 25 sex offenders within the OPWDD system with minimal research of only a few counties.

https://wnyt.com/news/plans-to-move-sex-offender-into-group-home-delayed/5056470/



"No sex offender can ever be placed with extremely vulnerable people with developmental disabilities whom are often as defenseless as children. It is illegal and a recipe for sexual assaults & rape" " Michael Carey - Civil Rights & Disability Rights Advocate https://poststar.com/news/local/state-halts-sex-offender-move-to-group-home-at-least/article b2fd1dfa-2776-53bc-b37e-a7e425e54c76.html

The few counties researched to date paint a picture of a massive extremely dangerous problem that must be immediately addressed and stopped now. The numbers of convicted sex offenders and the counties researched to date are;

Washington County -5 convicted sex offenders – 2 at an ARC privately run group home at 21 County Route 43 and 3 located at 2243 State Route 22A

Franklin County -16 convicted sex offenders – 12 at Sunmount Developmental Center 2445 Route 30 and 4 at two additional group homes located at 380 Hosley Ave. and 65 Monroe Ave.

Suffolk County – 4 convicted sex offenders -2 at 903 Melville Estates and 2 at two additional group homes located at 905 Melville Estates and 1 at 111 Beaver Dam Rd.

The governor's office has failed to respond or communicate. Emails and complaints to the Commissioner of OPWDD and the Executive Director of the Justice Center have also not been responded to. The Justice Center told the mother of one of the residents at the Route 50 OPWDD group home that they could do nothing about it.

Emails have gone out to all New York State District Attorney's by Michael Carey seeking emergency actions to protect the disabled, asking them to work with local sheriffs to ensure the swift removal of all convicted sex offends within their county from all State and privately operated group homes and facilities. All New York State Senators and Assembly members have been contacted and asked as well by the Jonathan Carey Foundation to immediately intervene to protect people with disabilities within their districts. Attorney General Barbara Underwood has been contacted and asked to take immediate emergency actions to ensure the cessation of these illegal actions and civil rights violations.

"It is illegal; it is a class E felony to Endanger the Welfare of Incompetent and Physically Disabled Person. Moving convicted sex offenders in with the developmentally disabled, which in most cases is no different than moving them in with children, knowingly places our most vulnerable in a likely position of being sexually assaulted or raped." - Michael Carey -Civil Rights and Disability Rights Advocate

New York State Penal Law 260.25 which finally became a felony offense in 2012 after a 5 year battle with New York State following the death of Jonathan Carey cannot be any clearer.

"A person is guilty of endangering the welfare of an incompetent or physically disabled person in the first degree when he knowingly acts in a manner likely to be injurious to the physical, mental or moral welfare of a person who is unable to care for himself or herself because of physical disability, mental disease or defect.

Endangering the welfare of an incompetent or physically disabled person in the first degree is a class E felony." NYS Penal Law 260.25

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