

Gov. Cuomo must remove convicted sex offenders from group homes

Now caught, Gov. Cuomo and his administration must stop the illegal placements and remove all sexual predators from group homes throughout New York State.

ALBANY, NEW YORK, UNITED STATES, September 29, 2018 / EINPresswire.com/ -- The [Jonathan Carey Foundation](#) is gradually rolling out the numbers of convicted sex offenders found in state and private facilities and group homes for people with disabilities. People in many different positions of authority and parents are outraged.

Here are some direct quotes published by the Gazette Editorial Board on September 26, 2018;

Editorial: No sex offenders in state group homes

Safety of developmentally disabled residents should come first

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I could have stayed in that house for years and abused him every day without anybody even noticing at all. It was a predator's dream.”

Stephen DeProspero - convicted sexual predator and pedophile

“No matter how carefully you monitor convicted sex offenders, and no matter how benign their behavior might be because of some developmental disability they might have, these convicted criminals should not be placed in intimate proximity to their potential victims.

Yet, they are, with the state's full knowledge and blessing.

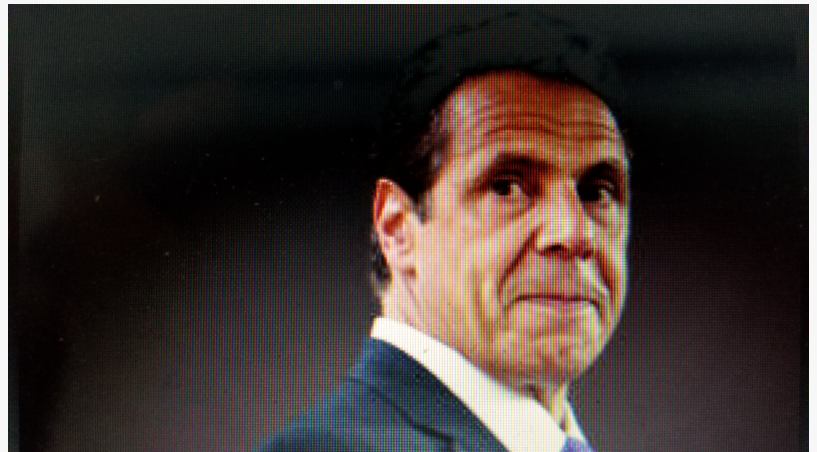
That practice needs to end.

The Jonathan Carey Foundation, named after a boy killed in a state-run residential facility in Niskayuna in 2007, used

the state's open records laws to discover that 12 group homes in the state have been housing nearly 40 paroled Level 2 and 3 sex offenders.

Level 3 sex offenders are considered at the highest risk to commit another sex crime and harm others, while Level 2 offenders are at moderate risk.

These sex offenders are being placed without notice in group homes along with other special needs people, according to state Sen. Rob Ortt, chairman of the Senate's Mental Health And



Governor Andrew Cuomo has ignored countless pleas by Civil Rights and Disability Rights Advocate Michael Carey to stop all illegal and unconstitutional practices and to finally protect our most vulnerable from preventable sexual assaults and rapes, but he has refused.

Developmental Disabilities Committee.

State officials say this has been a practice for years."

"There's no way a Level 2 or Level 3 sex predator should be around vulnerable individuals like these, no matter how much they've been vetted and how much treatment they receive."

<https://dailygazette.com/article/2018/09/26/editorial-no-sex-offenders-in-state-group-homes>

This news is from the Adirondack Daily Enterprise story on September 27, 2018;

Sex offenders in group homes for disabled isn't new in Tupper Lake

"An analysis showing dozens of sex offenders being housed in state group homes has received news coverage from several print and television outlets, but this practice of housing sex offenders in group homes for the developmentally disabled and alongside the general community is old news in Tupper Lake."

"Last week, the Albany Times Union, Glens Falls Post-Star and Channel 13 from Albany spoke with Michael Carey, an advocate for the developmentally disabled, who linked records of 25 registered sex offenders in Washington, Franklin, Suffolk and Saratoga counties with the addresses of OPWDD facilities in each county."

"McMahon told the Enterprise for a past article. "As a former employee, I know that some of these people [in group homes] are very dangerous sex offenders."

"There have been many incidents there where clients have attacked staff," McMahon said. "There's been incidents there where residents from Sunmount have actually grabbed a female employee and tried to drag into a bedroom."

"In 2015 Thomas Perrault was found guilty of third-degree assault after he dragged a female staff member into his room and attacked her at Sunmount's group home at 390 Hosley Ave."

"Sunmount's main facility is situated directly across the street from L.P. Quinn Elementary School and bordered by residential neighborhoods. It's group homes are located in neighborhoods."

Almost all sexual assaults and rapes reported to Governor Andrew Cuomo's abuse hotline numbering in the thousands are purposefully never reported to local police. Rarely are sex crimes committed against the disabled in New York State ever criminally investigated or presented to county elected district attorney's which is obstruction of justice. Within the New York State Office of People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) alone approximately 1,300 sex abuse cases are reported annually, which are staggering numbers, yet approximately only 3% of these sexual assaults will ever be reported according to a reputable report called Prevalence of violence.

<http://www.mass.gov/dppc/abuse-recognize/prevalence-of-violence.html>

This Television piece puts the nails in the coffin of exposing this corruption;

<https://www.whec.com/news/advocate-fights-to-remove-sex-offenders-from-group-homes-for-the-disabled/5086313/>

"It is illegal to place convicted sex offenders and sexual predators in group homes to easily access and prey on our most vulnerable. Multiple State and federal laws are without question being violated. Moving convicted sex offenders into group homes 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

Here is what a convicted sexual predator and pedophile said of New York State's mental health care system, it is "a [predators dream](#)."

"The lack of supervision there made it easy to do what I did," DeProspero said in a handwritten affidavit obtained by The Associated Press. "I could have stayed in that house for years and abused him every day without anybody even noticing at all. It was a predator's dream."

<http://www.nydailynews.com/new-york/new-york-pay-3m-family-boy-molested-group-home-article-1.2977392>

Numerous appeals have gone to Governor Andrew Cuomo or Attorney General Barbara Underwood by Michael Carey, U.S. representatives, New York State legislators, District Attorney's and family members to immediately stop these crimes that directly endanger our most vulnerable. To date, both [Governor Cuomo](#) and Attorney General Underwood are looking the other way.

Your help is vitally needed to protect and defend those that cannot speak or defend themselves.

If you would like to help advocate and protect our most vulnerable and help fight to end this extreme corruption, please consider making a tax-deductible gift to the Jonathan Carey Foundation.

<http://jonathancareyfoundation.org/donate/>

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