

I am with the CILA program (Community Integrated Living Arrangement) and I've been here about 3 months. In the 3 months I've been here, it has helped me to maintain my medications, seeing doctors that I didn't have an opportunity to have. I'm learning how to live and be productive on my own through CILA. If CILA ends or don't get funding I wouldn't know where to go. I go to different groups to help me with my everyday living and help to be social with other people. If the program is funded when I leave the program, I should be able to live and function on my own. Before I came to CILA I was homeless and I wasn't taking my medication like I was supposed to, or had all of my medication. Living with CILA, I have a control over my environment and my medication and I'm not homeless. I was homeless because I couldn't find a job, living in people's houses who didn't want me there, not unless I had something to give. I don't have any income right now, I don't get social security, I'm working but not getting enough hours to pay my rent, but CILA helps me to survive and manage until something comes through. Please give a budget so CILA won't close and I won't be one of the victims on the street.

DORIS

Kenneth

I am a resident of MFS where I receive service for my mental disorder & lack of stability. It is because of the services I receive here, it has kept me balanced and in touch with myself. I came to CILA because of my seizure disorder and schizophrenia. The services here are helping me to deal with my conditions more constructively and I am more in touch with myself. Before coming to CILA, I was living in an abandoned apartment building experiencing seizure episodes persistently and left in deadly conditions. I couldn't remember what I was doing when I had a seizure, I was doing things I didn't remember, I had back outs and would end up in places and did not know how I got there. I have been having seizures most of my life and it affects my memory. Since I have been at CILA, I feel safe, I learn how to deal with my seizures better. It is because of my seizures that I have schizophrenia. The mental assistance and conferences I receive here have made it much better in dealing with my conditions. Without services from here, I probably would be lost and completely out of touch with myself. It's only because of CILA my conditions have much better improved. Not having services, I don't know what my next steps would be.

Frederick

I currently live in the CILA program - I am 22 years old. Before I started the program I was constantly in and out of the mental hospital. Ever since I've been in the program, since May 2015, I haven't been to the mental hospital once. It helped me get back on track in my life. I'm currently enrolled in college now and the medication I've been receiving plus the services that I have been receiving have kept me stable. Without the program I might end up back in the mental hospital or start having some of the same behaviors that I was having before I came to the program. I wasn't taking showers and had trouble focusing. I was arguing with my mother and my immediate family.