



This house, at 200 Tysen St., New Brighton, is slated to be a halfway house for mentally retarded in the spring of 1975.

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Halfway house to open for retarded in spring

A halfway house for mildly retarded adults under state care will open in New Brighton late next spring, according to a Willowbrook Developmental Center psychologist who is coordinating the project.

One of four such proposals for Staten Island, the three-story house at 200 Tysen St. will accommodate 10 to 12 adults, all of whom will be employed, in workshops or training programs in the community.

Robert Gang said the occupants would be chosen from the Willowbrook center, who are currently residents or outpatients there, or from the community.

The halfway house is a transitional facility between Willowbrook and an independent or family care living situation, which each resident will eventually move into.

Minor renovations are to be completed by late spring, when residents will move in. Five permanent employees and volunteers will work with the residents around-the-clock in three shifts. There will be no live-in houseparents.

In the meantime, staff will

be hired and trained, programs designed and residents screened. All halfway house residents will be from Staten Island.

A second house will probably be opened within the next year, Gang said, although he would not say where.

The Tysen St. house was purchased by the state from Frank L. Salvatore.