Transition Talks 2023 - 24
Workshop Series

January:
Housing Explained: Demystifying Residential Living Options
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Guest Speaker

Pam Blanton, Founder and CEO

Partners4Housing
You’ve come this far

Workshop goals: To take away one or two inspiring concepts that may as you consider your adult child’s “next step”. For professionals, we welcome your connection and collaboration. For self advocates, be inspired to follow your dreams.
Housing Models for Young Adults

- Supported Independent Living
- Shared Living
- Group Homes
- Adult Foster Care/Adult Family Care
Supported Independent Living

**Supported (Semi-independent Living)** offers more direct and structured supports available 24 hours a day, if needed.

The individual may live in a house or apartment, either alone or with others. Skills supported include budgeting, shopping, cooking and problem solving around making appointments, decision making and daily life supports.
Group Homes

Group Homes have been the traditional model for residential services for individuals with developmental disabilities.

In a group home, several unrelated people (all of whom have a disability) live together with onsite staff who are present 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Supports include independent living skills and community activities. The house is typically owned and operated by a provider agency that also employs and supervises the staff.
Co-op Living

Group Living/Ownership (Co-op) is similar to group home living.

Families will enter into an agreement, purchase a property and hire a service provider who will support the individuals in areas of ADLs, budgeting and overall daily living supports. Each individual has their own set of needs and services.
Adult Family Care

Adult Foster Care is paid for by state Medicaid. A primary care physician, facility, family member, and/or other community agencies may refer an individual to receive AFC services. Designated agencies screen applicants for eligibility.

The individual may live with a caregiver of choice, whether they are a family member (parent, sibling, or extended family), friend, or a caregiver. A caregiver cannot be a spouse or legal guardian.
Shared living and how to access benefits

How to access benefits that support independent living

Understanding Shared Living: A family driven housing model

Shared Living is a model where people with disabilities live together, sharing the cost of housing and support services. Getting there is often a complicated and confusing journey. At Partners4Housing, we've designed our services to answer your family's questions at each step along the way.

We help families answer 3 questions:
- What does my family member need to live outside our family home??
- Who will they live with?
- How can we afford it?
Taking the first step:
The Benefits and Housing Review (all states)
Housing timeline
It takes time to create a housing solution... our best advice is to start early!

2 - 5 years

1-2 weeks
Family completes and submits RA, consults with P4H, starts applying for waitlists and benefits

1+ years
Families search for and connect with potential partnering families and spend time getting to know them and their Loved Ones

1 - 3 years
Setting up a shared living solution — finding housing, hiring caregivers, determining budgets, creating a care plan, etc. — typically takes at least a year. Some families may take longer.

We encourage families to start applying for Section 8 waitlists during the Residential Assessment phase. Receiving that voucher can take a very long time. Be patient and be persistent. As long as your Loved One continues to qualify, it’s theirs for life.
Questions about Section 8

- How do we get Section 8?
- How is this going to help those who can’t afford to pay?
- When do you recommend applying for Section 8?
- Our Section 8 housing list hasn’t opened in 10 years- how do we apply for housing subsidies?
Questions about Shared Living

● How can we find caregivers given the shortage of caregivers?

● How do we decide who pays for what in a shared living home?

● In Shared Living, what happens when the parents pass or can no longer take the lead?
Q&A
Housing Resources

- Partners4Housing
- Autism Housing Pathways
- HUD Exchange (Section 811 PRA program)
- Parents With A Plan
- National Council on Independent Living
- Perkins Transition Center: Community Participation and Independent Living
- Massachusetts: Home and Community-Based Service Waivers for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities: Information for Individuals & Families
- Your local Department of Developmental Disabilities
- The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA.gov)
- Affordable Housing Online
NEW! Perkins eLearning Transition Course

Planning Transition for Students with Visual Impairments and Multiple Disabilities

This course helps members of the educational team become more effective transition team members. Plan and administer individualized, age-appropriate, and culturally responsive assessments to develop appropriate activities.

- No live meeting dates!
- Everyone is welcome
- $325.00 (families may share login)
- Accessible wherever you have the Internet
- Credits available for professional participants

https://www.perkins.org/course/planning-transition-for-students-with-visual-impairments-and-multiple-disabilities/
Email: Perkins.eLearning@Perkins.org
Save the date! February 6th workshop

College Pathways for Individuals with Disabilities

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Thank you for coming!