



Who We Are

Title of Project, Name of Lead Entity, Partner, Counties in Indiana we are impacting.

Hosted Shared-Living: A New Take on ID/DD Structured Family Caregiving in Indiana

This project is being led by Christine Ranaghan and Dan Griffin of Dungarvin Indiana, LLC,

Through our advisory team, and utilizing the LifeCourse framework, we will be partnering with several agencies and organizations (The Columbus Organization, The ARC, Indiana BDDS, (and possibly others agencies), persons-served, guardians, and Host Home providers (aka contracted independent service provides). We also will be collaborating with New Star on research and data collection.

The pilot project will focus on the metropolitan area of Indianapolis (Marion, Boone, Hamilton, Hancock, Shelby, Johnson, Morgan and Hendricks counties). The project's longterm outcomes will impact individuals throughout all of Indiana.

What We Expect if We Achieve our Vision

Expected short-term and long-term outcomes; and positive impacts on individuals if your project successfully carries out these actions.

- Knowledgeable and supportive stakeholders promote the program resulting in the recruitment of a variety of CIH-eligible individuals and potential providers.
- Trained and qualified Host Home providers are matched with CIH-eligible individuals and all program participants are satisfied with their options and placements.
- Host Home providers have the supports they need and provide quality supports in partnership with the persons-served.
- Persons-served and Host Home providers develop meaningful relationships, have become integrated into each other's social networks, and are actively engaged with their community (as desired).
- Hoosiers receiving DDRS/BDDS services have improved continuity of service through the successful integration into family-oriented home settings (i. e., Host Home providers and persons-served live together for more than five years).
- Person-served have a range of improved personal outcomes (social, educational, health, and more).
- The pilot program guidelines, which have been reviewed and validated by a range of stakeholders are used to improve service provision throughout Indiana.
- CIH-eligible individuals have greater choice in effective service models and providers.
- Improved funding for this service.

What We Will Do

Specific actions your agency will take to carry out pilot project.

- Develop comprehensive program policies, procedures, and practices
- Educate stakeholders, market the program, and recruit participants (CIH-eligible individuals, Host Home providers, and Respite providers)
- Match up to 15 CIH-eligible individuals with high quality Host Home providers
- Train Host Home & Respite providers (pre-service and ongoing)
- Monitor services, coordinate respite, and guide Host Home providers with a focus on the goals and desired outcomes for the person-in-service living in their home
- Collect data to inform ongoing program development as well as participant outcomes
- Conduct a comparative research study on Shared-Living models currently offered throughout the United States

How We Will Do It

Plan and implementation

- We will address a number of shortfalls in Indiana's Structured Family Care-giving model. This will include:
- limiting the number of persons matched to a single home to reduce the likelihood of conflicts that jeopardize placements,
 - recruiting CIH-eligible individuals with higher acuity levels to demonstrate this model can successfully serve individuals with higher needs,
 - developing a detailed and intentional matching process focused on the needs, wants, and aspirations of both the individuals to be served and potential providers, and
 - actively involving a range of stakeholders in program development and implementation with a focus on eligible individuals and Host Home providers.

What Will Result

Long-term goals to transform services and/or better support individuals.

- Provide all of the critical components for a service model that can be replicated across Indiana and beyond
- Improve individual choice by expanding options beyond group homes and current shift-staff models
- Expand community integration through the incorporation of person-served into the social and support-network of the host family
- Impact the shortage of affordable housing by utilizing excess home/rental space that potential Host-Home providers have available to support a person eligible for the program
- Alleviate some of the workforce shortage in Indiana and across the country by replacing the 4-6 employees needed to support a typical 24/7 site with one independent contractor and respite supports

What We Want to Avoid

Outcomes that may take away from the vision and will serve as "red flags" to consider course correction.

- If service rates are not increased sufficiently and/or if we are not able to provide a contractor supplement, the recruitment of host home providers will be more difficult and will require a different approach.
- An unexpectedly high number of placement failures would cause a review and potential revision of the matching and placement process as well as the program monitoring and support systems.

