



### Who We Are

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

Project Title: Technology Independence  
Lead Entity: Hillcroft Services, Inc.  
Partners: INDATA & Deltec  
Impacting: Delaware County

### 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.*

#### Short Term

- \* Increased comfort with technology.
- \* Increased ability to access the community more independently.
- \* Increased awareness of one's own capabilities.
- \* Increased preference to utilize technology vs. staff.

#### Long Term

- \* Individuals will be less dependent on staff/others to assist with varied aspects of their lives resulting in a reduction in paid staff hours.
- \* Increased self-confidence and control over their own lives.
- \* Reverse the culture of dependence to independence.
- \* Provide an alternative to waiver dollar expenditures for the use of technology to supplant workforce inadequacies in the future.
- \* Lessen the anxiety brought on by the thought of independence vs dependence.

### What We Will Do

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

- \* Conduct surveys to determine interest in pilot project participation.
- \* Assess individual needs/preferences.
- \* Narrow focus of technology to a manageable number to effectively assess.
- \* Purchase devices and necessary applications.
- \* Train and support individuals in the use of their specific technology choices.
- \* Regularly measure effectiveness and satisfaction.

### How We Will Do It

*Plan and implementation*

- \* Survey individuals to determine support currently received by staff they would be interested in exploring the use of technology to reduce/replace.
- \* Develop data tracking tool.
- \* Conduct orientation with the Interdisciplinary Team members.
- \* Develop topic curriculum.
- \* Develop individual implementation plans.
- \* Conduct education/support session on a regular cadence.
- \* Conduct surveys every 3 months.

### What Will Result

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

- \* Continue to **explore** and **increase** the options and availability of assistive technology designed to increase independence.
- \* Continue to **expose** individuals to technology options that increase their independence.
- \* Develop specific curriculum and training tools to be utilized by individuals to increase their confidence is using technology supports as new modes are discovered.

### What We Want to Avoid

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

- \* Misuse of the device.
- \* Loss or broken device.
- \* Frustration of the individual.
- \* DSP lack of buy-in.

