



OVERVIEW

Shortage of safe and inclusive housing

- Most housing options are with Host Home providers

Hard to Access Information

- It is difficult to navigate necessary information for housing. It is handled by many different organizations in the state.

IMPORTANT POINTS

- Limitations on funding
- Only the DD Medicaid waiver includes funds for housing.
- Grant money is an avenue to pursue for housing
- Quality care- There are limited funds for 24 hour care
- Equity- Human rights- Individuals need to be treated fairly
- Host home environments and oversight - There are problems with neglect, daily care not providing adequate services
- Accessibility- Not all buildings/units/ parking are accessible



HOUSING FOR ALL: A GUIDE FOR CREATING SAFE AND INCLUSIVE HOUSING FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

OBJECTIVE

- To form a committee consisting of a variety of state and community stakeholders dedicated to making a consolidated effort to advance the steps to increase the availability of safe, affordable, inclusive housing
- To provide a clear, concise informational guide for the IDD community to access.



METHODS

Research and Interviews

- 3,254 persons with a DD waiver throughout the state of Colorado.
- Currently 2,313 host home providers
- SSI is \$914 for an individual and \$1,371 for a couple.
- Average SSDI benefit approximately \$800 to \$1,300 a month.
- The average rent for a one bedroom apartment in Colorado ranges from \$1,225 to \$1,509 a month.



COMMITTEE OF STAKEHOLDERS

- Colorado Department of Health Care Policy & Financing from Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid program)
- Office of Independent Living Services of Vocational Rehabilitation Division
- Stepping Stone Support Center
- Arc of Colorado
- Colorado Cross-Disability Coalition/Colorado Sustainable Housing Coalition
- Community Outreach, Education and Communication Arc Arapahoe, Douglas & Elbert Counties
- Public Policy at Arc of Colorado
- Alliance Colorado (no contact person yet)
- Trailhead Community

NEXT STEPS

- Continue to build a community of stakeholders
- Establish a point person
- Schedule meetings to bring everyone to the table.
- Build more talking points to address issues for the housing guide
- Work to tackle distribution of the guide for the IDD community
- Blog post for sharing and educating different organizations
- Form a committee of people in the IDD community to participate and collaborate

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