Charting the Life Course

Focusing on Housing

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HOUSING IN MISSOURI

Moving from institutionalization to a home of your own
THE HISTORY OF HOUSING FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
“In the 1960s you treated us like plants. You fed us, clothed us, kept us warm, and wheeled us out to feel the sun.

In the ‘70s & ‘80s you discovered we could learn - and we were treated like pets. You taught us all types of tricks and we stood by your side.

But now it is the 1990s. We are not your plants. We are not your pets.

We are people like you and we want to be treated as people. We want the same opportunities as anybody.”

Dirk Wasano — Hawaii Planning Council on Developmental Disabilities, from John Agosta
WHAT IS AN INSTITUTION?

• “An institution is any place in which people who have been labeled as having a disability are isolated, segregated, and/or compelled to live together. An institution is also any place in which people do not have, or are not allowed to exercise control over their lives and their day-to-day decisions. An institution is not defined merely by the size.”

Institutions are NOT REAL HOMES
Deinstitutionalization is a Rectangle

Helping people leave institutions

Building Community Capacity for All

Preventing Institutionalization and Closing Admissions

Supporting Families
GOVERNMENTS ROLE

- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act
- The Developmental Disabilities Act
- The Americans with Disabilities Act
- The Olmstead Supreme Court ruling
OLMSTEAD ACT OF 1999

• States are required to provide community based services for people with mental disabilities
  • If treatments professionals determine that it is appropriate
  • Individuals/guardian do not object to such placement
OLMSTEAD ACT

• States are responsible for community based placement if they have the available resources

• States that maintain waiting lists must make a good faith effort to move
CURRENT STATE OF HOUSING IN MISSOURI FOR CITIZENS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
AGING AMERICA

• 800,000 people with developmental disabilities live with parents over 65

• In Missouri Approximately 15,000 individuals with Developmental Disabilities are living with a caregiver over 60.

• Approximately 871,500 citizens 65+ in Missouri

• First generation of elderly with significant disabilities in history.
COMPETITION FOR HOUSING

• Approximately 871,500 citizens 65+ in Missouri

• Citizens 65+ make up 14.2% of the population in Missouri
THERE ARE NOT ENOUGH HOMES
HOMES ARE NOT AFFORDABLE

• How do we make housing affordable?
  • Increase expendable income
  • Reduce housing costs
• Quality, affordable, universally designed homes are not located where you want to live
INADEQUATE COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE TO SUPPORT YOUR HOUSING NEEDS
WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

“The future ain’t what it used to be”

Yogi Berra
MISSOURI INCLUSIVE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

MoHousing
A NOT-FOR-PROFIT AGENCY

• We assist agencies in the development of affordable, accessible, quality housing for individuals with developmental disabilities.

• We assist developers and builders design and construct high quality, accessible, affordable housing.
• Increase housing options for individuals with developmental disabilities in Missouri.

• deliver a seamless system of housing development based on consumer needs throughout the state.
WE ARE WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
LIVING IN YOUR HOME: THINGS TO CONSIDER
INDIVIDUAL CHOICE
SAFETY
COMMUNITY ACCESSIBILITY
HOUSING DENSITY
SEPARATING HOUSING AND SUPPORTS
HOUSEMATE COMPATIBILITY
WHAT CAN I AFFORD?
IS THIS POSSIBLE?
WHAT DO WE NEED TO KNOW?

• How many homes?
• Where?
• What type?
DMHDD HOUSING PLAN

The Significant problems we face cannot be solved at the same level of thinking we were at when we created them

Albert Einstein
MISSION

• To develop quality, affordable, accessible housing for people with disabilities in safe locations where they can access support services, transportation, employment, and recreation throughout their lifespan.
GUIDING PRINCIPLES

• Housing is separate from services.
• New homes are built using universal design principles.
• Individuals live in homes designed to meet their needs throughout the aging process.
• Individuals/families receive services they need where they live.
• Density of homes designed specifically for individuals with disabilities will be considered in the planning of new development.
• Individuals/families are integrated into their communities.
• Individuals/families participate in designing their own homes.
• Individuals/families live in communities that are safe.
• Individuals/families live in homes they can afford.
• Individuals/families make informed choices about purchasing or renting their homes.
• Individuals/families are in control of their home environments.
Your Local Community Living Coordinator

Let’s hear from Kelly Boyer, from Central Missouri Regional Office, who will tell us about how the Community Living Coordinators can help you!
A HOME OF YOUR OWN: WE CAN DO THIS
Survey

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• MODHSS Bureau of Special Healthcare Needs
• DMH Regional Offices and Family Support Coordinators
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