

Community Transition

Money follows the person success story.

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What is Money Follows the Person?

• **Money Follows the Person** is a NY State and OPWDD initiative that.... Assists individuals with developmental disabilities in moving from developmental centers (DCs), Intermediate Care Facilities (ICFs), and nursing homes into private homes, apartments, or community residential settings.



OPWDD's Mission and Vision

• **The Mission Statement**

We help people with developmental disabilities live richer lives.

• **The Vision Statement**

People with developmental disabilities enjoy meaningful relationships with friends, family and others in their lives, experience personal health and growth and live in the home of their choice and fully participate in their communities.



FREE's Mission and Vision

Mission
Our mission is to help individuals of all abilities realize their full potential.

Vision Statement
Together...Creating the right solution for any need.



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- Sharing the same vision
- Creating Partnerships
- Working towards a common goal

Allows for successful transitions !



Making the Vision a Reality

The planning process



The Mastic Beach IRA

- Four bed **24 hour supervised IRA**
- Consists of four men
 - Two from the Taconic Developmental Center
 - Two from the Brooklyn Developmental Center



How are individual's support needs being met?

- Person centered planning
- CQL – “Nothing About Me Without Me”
- Interdisciplinary Team approach
- Quality Assessment & Clinical Support
- Family Support and Advocacy
- Community Outings & Volunteerism

Community Integration

- There are daily opportunities for Community integration and social interactions...
- The individuals go to local malls, theatres, museums, sporting events, and concerts.
- They joined the local library and local parishes.
- They are becoming active members of the community through volunteerism.

But Most importantly.....

- They are more connected to the community.
- The quality of their lives has significantly improved.
- They all have developed a more positive outlook on life!

To the Community and Beyond!

The men living in Mastic Beach have participated in Community based activities including...

- FREE's Basketball League
- Special Olympics
- "Color Wars"
- Bowling and Bocce Ball Tournaments
- Volunteer at St. Joseph's farm
- FREE to Be-For LBGTO individuals
- Developing individualized PWW program
- Working towards obtaining their GED

From one Agency to Another

- Know the individuals
- Person Centered Planning
- Proactive Planning
- Mentor with other providers
- Keep an open mind
- Stay educated
- Be prepared for any challenges or opposition

Questions ?


