



Office for People With
Developmental Disabilities

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Supports at Home and
Help with Housing



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The Office for People With Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) provides supports for you to live at home or in a home in your community so you can be as independent as possible.

Living at Home with Family or Living Independently in Your Own Place:

Community Habilitation (CH) is a service you can get at home and in the community that provides staff to help you learn and keep the skills you need to live safely and more independently, meet people and make friends, take part in community activities and be part of your community. Community Habilitation can be either self-directed or run by an agency.

Environmental Modifications (e-mods) include physical changes made to your home, such as ramps, lifts or handrails, that can help you live safely in your home and get out into the community.

Live-in Caregiver: If you live independently and share your home with another person who supports you to live independently, you may qualify for Live-in Caregiver services. These services, which can either be self-directed or run by an agency, provide for the room and board costs for the Live-in Caregiver who:

- Must be unrelated to you (the person receiving services)
- Stays with you in your home, or goes out with you and makes sure you stay safe and well.

Paid Neighbor: If you self-direct your services, OPWDD will support you to live independently and to choose a neighbor who is paid to be “on-call” to help you if you need it once in a while because of a problem or to do a certain task.

Family Care: OPWDD supports you to live in another family’s home called a Family Care home. The Family Care home is certified or overseen by OPWDD and will make sure that you have the help you need to be safe and active, and to do the things that families do, like eating together and spending time together.



Individualized Residential Alternatives (IRAs): You may also be supported to live in a certified home in the community called an IRA with a small number of other people with developmental disabilities. The agency that runs the home will make sure that there are staff there to meet your needs and the needs of the other people living in the home.

For more information on these programs call the OPWDD Information Line at 1-866-946-9733 to be connected with your local Developmental Disabilities Regional Office.

Managing Housing Costs

OPWDD supports people to live as independently in the community as possible by helping with housing costs. This help comes in the form of a housing subsidy for your home or apartment. You will be expected to contribute 30% of your income to housing costs. You are responsible for paying the part of the cost that is more than your housing subsidy.



Some options are:

Market Rate Home/Apartment: You may use your housing subsidy toward any house or apartment that is for sale or rent.

Subsidized Apartment: You may get limited housing support to use toward a Housing Choice (Section 8) subsidized apartment.

Public Housing: You may get a housing subsidy to live in public housing that is affordable rental housing for eligible low-income families, the elderly and people with all types of disabilities.

Customized Residential Option: You may use your housing subsidy toward the cost of a non-certified, single-family home owned by a not-for-profit agency who rents the house to people with developmental disabilities. Each person who lives in the house has his or her own lease. Tenants work together to decide the rules of the house.



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