

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES 2020-2021 POLICY STATEMENTS

HOUSING

STATEMENT:

Individuals with I/DD have a right to safe, accessible, and affordable housing in the community.

POSITION:

CCDD supports legislation, policy, and practices that advance these beliefs:

- Individuals with I/DD may be at risk of unnecessary institutionalization or homelessness due to lack of affordable, accessible housing.
- Individuals must have freedom, authority and support to exercise control over their housing, including choice of where and with whom they live, inclusive living, privacy within their homes, access to flexible supports and services, choice in daily routines and activities, freedom to come and go as they please and housing that reflects their personal preferences and styles. Providers should honor individual choices and preferences.
- Adults with I/DD should receive the supports they need to transition out of the family home when they wish to do so.
- Housing for individuals with I/DD must be coordinated with home and community-based support systems, including transportation services, and should ensure access to other typical public resources.
- Housing for individuals with disabilities should be integrated within local neighborhoods and communities.
- Public funds must be shifted from restrictive institutional settings to community supports.
- Universal design and visitability standards should be adopted for all new housing. New and significantly renovated multi-family housing should include fully accessible units in numbers that reflect the natural proportion of individuals with disabilities in the general population.
- Individuals with I/DD must have opportunities comparable to those of individuals without disabilities to rent or buy their own homes.



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