

# H.137 Testimony to Update to Committee on General Affairs and Housing

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# Developmental Disabilities Services (DDS) Current Residential System of Care

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- Existing Vermont State System of Care Plan for Developmental Disabilities Services, for individuals receiving Developmental Disabilities Home- and Community-Based Services, includes:
  - Three 24-hour support models
    - Shared Living
    - Staffed Living
    - Group Living
  - Two less than 24-hour support models
    - In-home Family Supports
      - Hourly in-home supports for individuals living with family
    - Supervised Living
      - Hourly in-home supports for individuals living in their own home



## DDS Current Residential System of Care: Home Setting Definitions

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Group Living: Daily (24/7) support in a staffed home setting (3-6 people).

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In-Home Family Support: Hourly support in the home of unpaid family caregivers.

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Independent Living: No paid home support.

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Shared Living: Daily (24/7) support in the home of a shared living provider (1-2 people).

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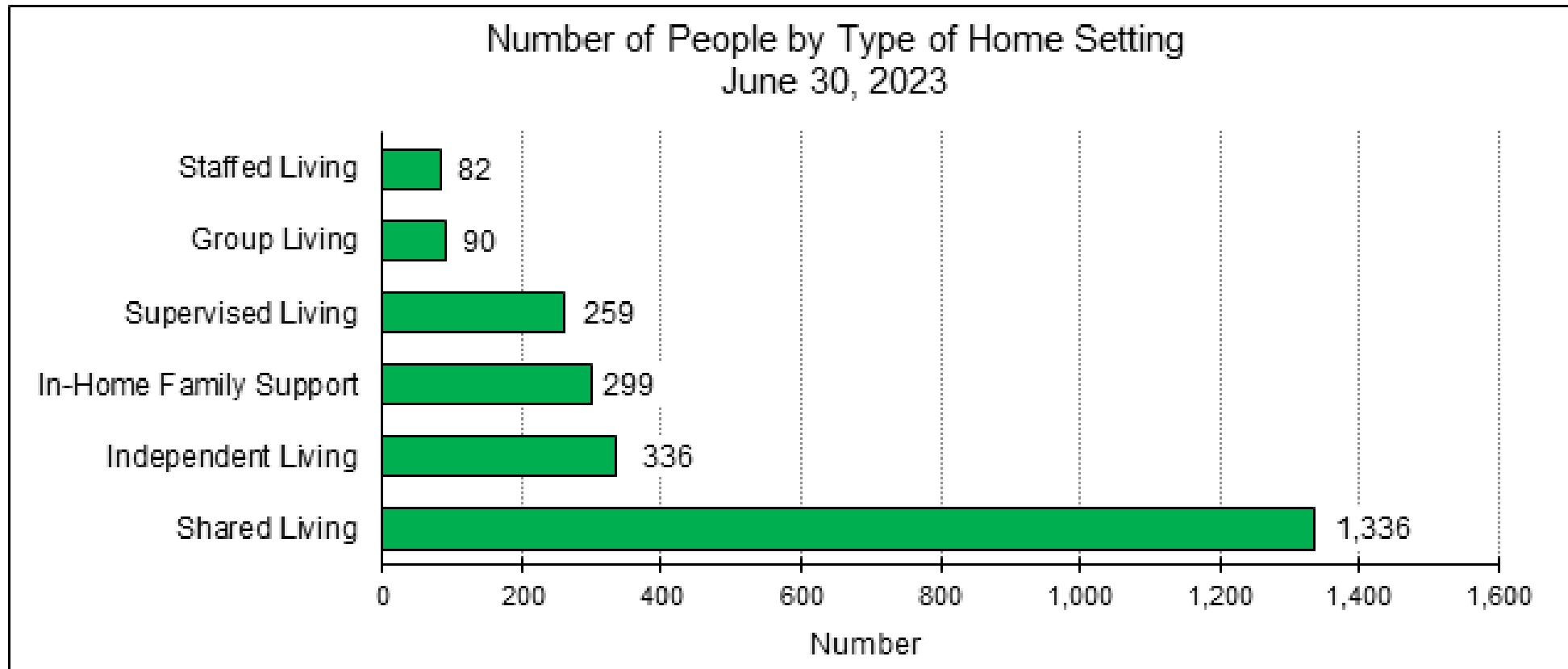
Staffed Living: Daily (24/7) support in a staffed home setting (1-2 people).

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Supervised Living: Hourly support in persons' own home/apartment (1-2 people).

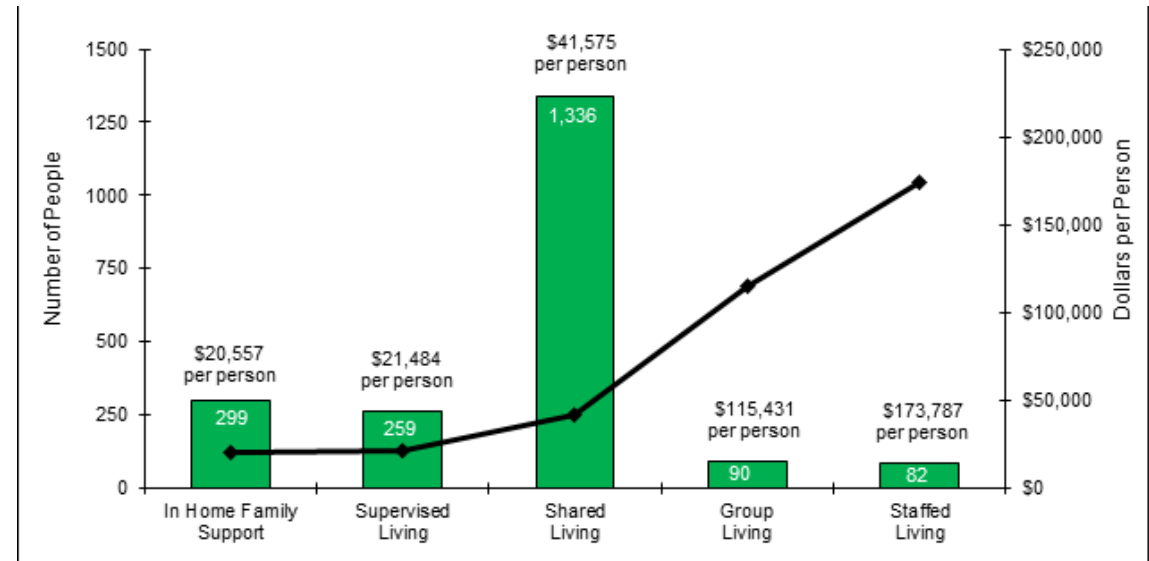
# DDS Current Residential System of Care: Facts and Figures

In Vermont, 96% people with intellectual/developmental disabilities live in settings of 1-3 people versus the national rate of 54%.



# DDS Housing Cost Analysis

- Home Support Cost per Person (HCBS Funding) Compared to Numbers by Type of Home (June 30, 2022)
- 76% of people receiving home supports reside in a shared living arrangement.
- This model, while cost-effective and proven successful for many, is not the home support solution for all individuals.



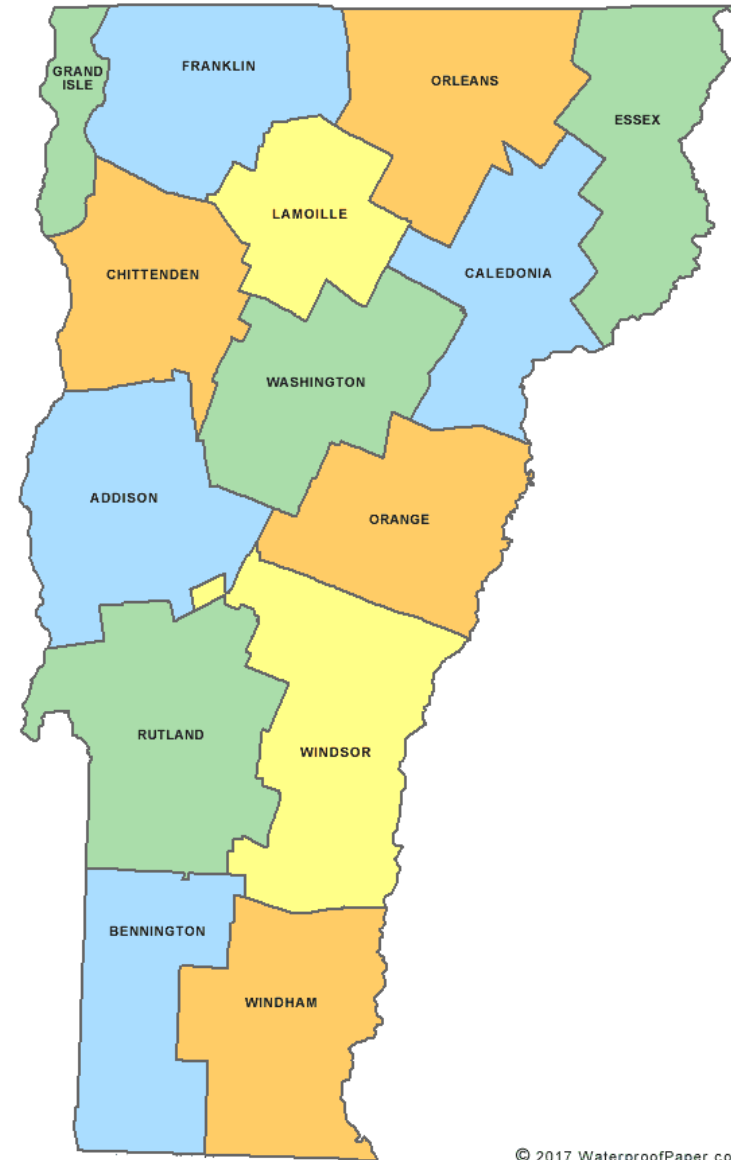
# Act 186 (2022) Pilot Planning Grants

- Section 5 of [Act 186 \(2022\)](#) required the development of Housing and Residential Services Pilot Planning Grants.
- Appropriated \$500,000 in Global Commitment Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) dollars to fund these pilots.
- Established a framework for the intended models:
  - Require a partnership with a designated or specialized service agency.
  - Be in at least three (3) different regions of the State. Regions are defined by designated agency catchment areas.
  - Develop new housing and/or residential options.
  - Reflect the varied needs of individuals with developmental disabilities—including options to support individuals with high support needs and/or alternative communication needs.
  - Be consistent with state and federal home and community-based services regulations and guidelines.
  - Be sustainable.

# Pilot Planning Grant Awardees

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- Awarded three grants across Vermont.
- Regions of focus include Addison, Chittenden, Orange, and Washington Counties.
- New, innovative, and expanded models include:
  - Permanent Supportive Housing
  - Technology Supported Housing
  - Intentional Community



# Intersection of DDS Home Modification Support and H.137

- Individuals receiving Developmental Disabilities Home- and Community-Based Services may be eligible for home modification funding in certain circumstances.
  - Home and Community-Based Services funding may help pay for home modifications for physical accessibility in shared living, the family home that is the individual's primary residence or individual's own home or apartment.
  - Physical accessibility modifications that do not add to the value of the home may be paid for.
  - Reimbursements/payments are capped at \$10,000.