

Developmental Disabilities Services Housing Update to House Human Services Committee

Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living

Developmental Disabilities Services Division

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Service Supported Housing for
Vermonters with
Intellectual/Developmental
Disabilities

- Vermont Developmental Disabilities Council, in partnership with Green Mountain Self-Advocates, through Act 186 (2022), commissioned a [Research Brief](#).
- Resulted in a 600-unit estimate of need.
 - Currently, less than 300 individuals live in supervised living model (as of 6/30/23)
 - Housing Costs Per Person:
 - Shared Living: \$46,331
 - Supervised Living: 30,056
 - Staffed Living: \$214,783
- Models investigated meet both Vermont State System of Care Plan for Developmental Disabilities requirements and [Federal Settings Rule](#) regulations.
- Major challenge in expanding Service Supportive Living option: lack of affordable housing stock.

Developmental Disabilities Services Division Residential Program Developer



Limited Services Position established July 2022

Incumbent: Julie Abrahamson

Hired: January 2023



Act 186 (2022) responsibilities

Administrative support and oversight to Steering Committee

Lead author of Request for Proposals

DDSD's programmatic and administrative contact for awarded grants



Established relationships with public and private funding entities

CIL: a 501(c)(3) real estate developer founded by advocates and service providers. Has over 40 years of experience partnering with service providers.

Nurture Capital, a charitable 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to help non-profits and communities access funding and human capital that aligns to serve individuals with cognitive disabilities and special needs

DDSD Housing Projects: Current Status



Location	Partners	Est. No. of Units	General Description	Phase/Status
Addison County	CSAC · CIL · GrandCare-Smart Home Technology · WheelPad	4-6	Expansion of traditional housing models planning and coordinating Immediate efforts to prevent and address unsheltered homelessness.	Discussion
Chittenden County	Howard Center · CIL	1-3	Specialized Group Home	Discussion
Franklin/Grand Isle Counties	NCSS · DDHI Parents · Champlain Housing Trust	TBD	To be determined	Discussion
Grand Isle County	NCSS · Independent Family · Cedar Ledge Construction · GrandCare-Smart home technology	1-2	Renovation so individuals can gain independence with the potential for a peer roommate.	Discussion
Lamoille County	LCMH · CIL · GrandCare-Smart Home Technology	8	Apartment buildings with affordable, supportive housing to older Vermonters and individuals with I/DD	On hold
Northeast Kingdom Region	NKHS · DDHI Parent · CIL	3-4	Intentional Community	Discussion
Rutland County	RMHS · SSC · UVS/VCIN · CIL GrandCare- Smart Home Technology	1-4	Specialized Staffed or Group Home	In Progress
Rutland County	SSC · CIL · Rutland County Land Trust GrandCare- Smart Home Technology	1-4	Group Home with a live-in caregiver	In Progress
Rutland County	RMHS · SVCOA · Sunshine Ridge Homeowners Association, Inc · R & W Development · GrandCare- Smart Home Technology	20-30	10 ranch-style duplex homes for older Vermonters and individuals with disabilities. The housing project would include a community garden, playground, and community center.	On Hold