



# Money Follows the Person

*“Steps to a Successful  
Transition”*

# History

- After meeting with Trish Farnham and learning about the MFP project in 2007, we moved forward, in conjunction with guardians and local LME's to start changing the lives of consumers identified to participate. We have since opened 8 AFL's (Alternative Family Living homes) and have enjoyed continuing to see the lives of those consumers positively affected by these new homes.

# Identification of Consumer

- Meet with Clinical team to asses current consumers who reside in ICF/DD group homes.
- Meet with guardian and inform them of benefits of program.
- Screen outside applicants from MCO's or local Nursing Facilities.

# Identification of Provider

- Screen current AFL providers with openings to determine appropriateness.
- Advertise for additional AFL providers.
- Review current group home employees and inform them of opportunity.
- Identify appropriate AFL provider.
- Schedule meeting for potential provider and consumer and guardian.

- If the meeting goes well schedule transition visits with consumer per guardian permission.
- Provider to complete two week training block.

# Process

- Complete MFP application and submit to MCO (Transition Coordinator) and wait for approval.
- Contact Trish Farnham
- Upon Approval (after eligibility and appropriateness has been determined) schedule with MCO Transition Coordinator transition meetings.

- Schedule Site 'Walk thru' with MCO for site approval.
- Continue transition meetings for visits and ISP/PCP development
- Schedule official move in date for consumer.
- 30/90/180 day follow ups with transition coordinator for MCO

## Life Changing – Success Story

- In early 2008 long time ICF/IDD resident Sam Hamby was giving a pretty dim diagnosis from his current PCP. We were told at an appointment by his doctor that he believed we 'Had done all we could do for Sam' at the group home and it was time to start looking at a skilled nursing facility for him. Not wanting to believe the prognosis given to our team we set out to look at a different option for Sam.

- During a staff meeting one of our staff stepped up and said, “I know I can take care of Sam – he is not ready for a nursing home.’ Hearing that we knew that MFP was the route to go. After Sam’s admission into his new home per MFP he has flourished in ways that most never imagined he could. Not only has he been on his first air plane the doctor stated in one of his last appointments that his ‘new home most likely saved his life.’

- Sam continues to flourish today and seeing him and Meghan together both smiling and picking on each other remains a welcome site for all involved.

