

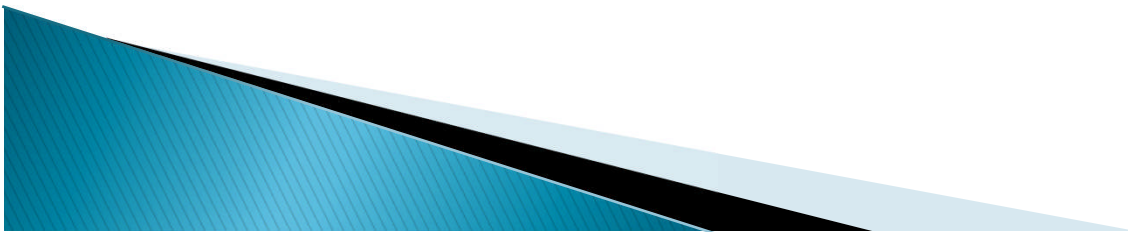
Residential Services

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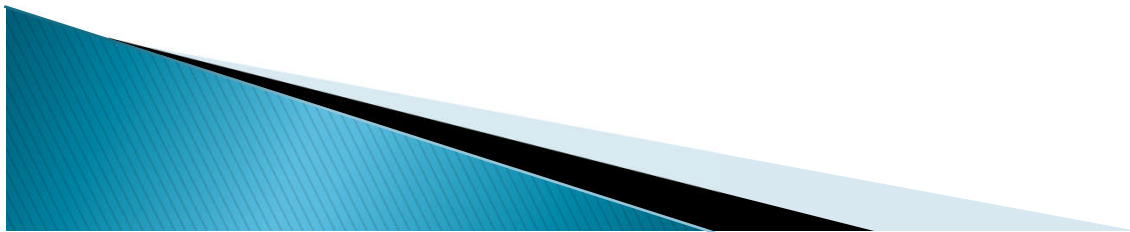
What is an IRA?

An IRA (Individual Residential Alternative) is an alternative living option that affords individuals, aged 18 or older, the opportunity to participate in the care of their own home, full community access, and the prospect for socialization, recreation and leisure. The Individuals are encouraged to be full partners with staff and their Service Coordinator in creating an Individualized Service Plan (ISP), which identifies the hopes and dreams he/she wishes to attain. With this in mind the IRA staff will assist the residents to enhance their own daily living skills and to encourage their independence.



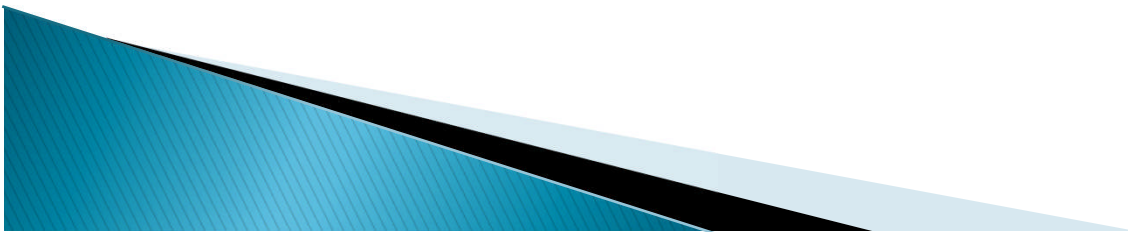
What is Community Habilitation?

Community Habilitation participants seek services that are similarly to those provided in an IRA, and often are provided on a 1 to 1 basis. These services usually takes place in the individuals home or in the community. Participants are encouraged to develop autonomy and self-sufficiency, to make individual choices in terms of where they live, work, and recreate, and to foster relationships within their community.



Individualized Support Services (ISS)

ISS provides financial support that helps individuals with developmental disabilities live in their homes independently, with roommates, with their spouse, and/or with their children. The use of this grant is to supplement their income and allows them to maintain their life in their community.

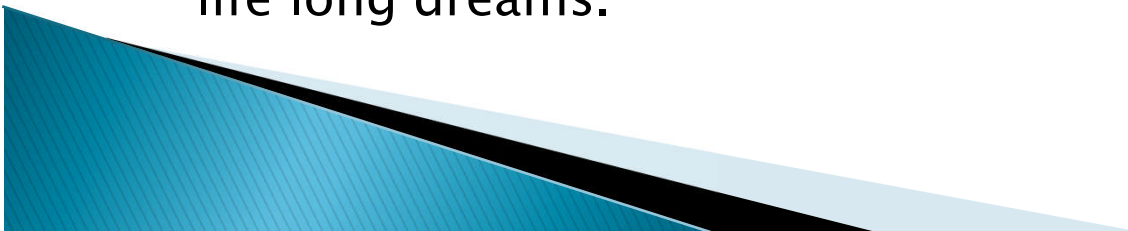


Enhanced Support Program (ESP)

Enhanced Support Program is a unique funding opportunity from OPWDD and was created through our participation in the NYSACRA Learning Institute. EEDA has taken this opportunity to assist individuals who in the past have been taken advantage of, had difficulties with appropriate socialization, and have made unwise decisions, some of which were detrimental or life threatening.

All Participants in ESP meet with nursing, a clinician, and a Person Centered Planner (PCP). The PCP works with them to make their dreams come true. These services are often provided 1:1 and in addition to any other services they are receiving. These services are an essential key to navigating the community independently.

These individuals were chosen specifically due to their needs for non-traditional supports, and assisting them in achieving their life long dreams.



The Future

With the development of the 1115 Waiver the future of Residential options are uncertain. The development of traditional IRA's will be a thing of the past...Community based services which may include family care, paid neighbors, shared living, ISS, and supported apartments will be the future of Residential Services. You should congratulate yourselves for taking the first step of exploring options. The next step is to visit the OPWDD website and familiarizing yourself with the information on the 1115 Waiver.

