

Housing

Having a home is a universal human need across cultures and ages.

Home contributes to a sense of security -- a place from which to both step into the world and retreat from it. Home also provides an essential means by which to express one's personal identity. A good home is a source of strength and comfort.

Affordable and accessible housing is a key support to individuals with developmental disabilities. In the past, the majority of individuals with developmental disabilities have lived in homes that have been owned by someone else and this remains a common way for individuals to have somewhere to call home.

Many individuals live in a support home—a homes owned by another family where the individual lives.

Others live in homes owned or rented by a service provider. Still others rent their own accommodation (e.g. apartment, basement suite, house), either by themselves or with roommates.

More recently, an increasing number of individuals with developmental disabilities live in their own homes that they own.

There are a number of options related to home ownership including:

- Individuals owning their home.
- Parents owning the home.
- Parents purchasing the home for their child.
- Parents from different families combine resources to purchase a home.

- Individuals purchase a home together.
- Trust company (trust company owning the property and managing it either directly or through an agent).

There can be many benefits for individuals and families in having ownership of a home including ensuring longer term stability about where the person lives.

The Government of Alberta has introduced a number of programs aimed at providing accessible and affordable housing.

More information about these programs Housing is available from Alberta Municipal Affairs and Housing at www.municipalaffairs.gov.ab.ca

More information about Housing options is also available at the PDD Central Region Community Board website at www.pdd.org/central or from a Community Support Coordinator at any PDD Central Region office:

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