Making a Case for Expanding Shared Living in Pennsylvania

Introduction
- Shared living arrangements provide a safe, affordable, flexible and generally stable home alternative for individuals who need residential supports.
- In Pennsylvania, most community residential providers either do not offer it, or underutilize it.
- PA Department of Public Welfare released a "Shared Living" request for information in July 2011.
- Improve shared living, expand shared living opportunities.
- IM4Q preliminary analysis shows positive outcomes for individuals with ID in shared living.

History
- The 1997 PA Office of Developmental Programs (ODP) Multi-Year Plan included a recommendation to develop the capacity for independent monitoring in Pennsylvania.
- Purpose was to help ensure quality of life, services and supports to children ages 3+, and to adults supported by the ODP services for individuals with intellectual disabilities (ID).
- Linked to national project – National Core Indicators.
- IM4Q grew from a state-wide recognition that individual and family satisfaction, together with other quality measures, are an essential feature of a quality management system.
- Based on principles of Everyday Lives.
Methodology

- Counties select local IM4Q programs to conduct the interviews.
- Criteria includes: independence of the projects from service delivering entities, consumer and family involvement on governing boards, and involvement of individuals receiving supports and families in data collection activities.
- Institute on Disabilities trains local IM4Q programs on the interview instrument.
- EDE is comprised of the following sections: Pre-survey, Pre-survey addendum, Satisfaction, Dignity, Respect and Rights, Choice and Control, Relationships, Inclusion, Monitor Impressions, Major Concerns, Family Survey.
- Data sent to Institute on Disabilities for analysis and reports.
- Local IM4Q Program implements “closing the loop” (follow-up) activity with the county.

Results: Scales

- Scales comparison of people in shared living with people living in relative’s home and people in community living.
- In 2012, there were 410 in Shared Living, 1752 in Relative’s Home, and 3010 in Community Homes.
- On five of the seven scales, Shared Living had the highest average score.

Results: Satisfaction

- Data from 2012.
- Scale ranges from 0 to 100. A higher score is better.
- Shared Living and Relative's Home were significantly higher than Community Home.
Results: Dignity and Respect

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- Scale ranges from 0 to 100. A higher score is better
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Results: Never Afraid

- Data from 2012
- Scale ranges from 0 to 100. A higher score is better
- Relative's Home was significantly higher than Community Home

Results: Choice and Control

- Data from 2012
- Scale ranges from 0 to 100. A higher score is better
- Shared Living and Relative's Home were significantly higher than Community Home
Results: Inclusion

- Data from 2012
- Scale ranges from 0 to 100. A higher score is better
- Shared Living was significantly higher than Relative's Home, which was significantly higher than Community Home

Results: Physical Setting

- Data from 2012
- Scale ranges from 0 to 100. A higher score is better
- Community Home was significantly higher than Shared Living, which was significantly higher than Relative's Home

Results: Family Satisfaction

- Data from 2012
- Scale ranges from 0 to 100. A higher score is better
- Relative's Home was significantly higher than Community Home
Results: Longitudinal

Longitudinal Look At Satisfaction Scale Scores

- The number of people in Shared Living varied each year.
- All Others included all other residential types.
- From 2007 through 2012, Shared Living had an average satisfaction scale score that was significantly higher than the rest of the people in the Independent/Monitoring database in every year.
- Satisfaction research demonstrates that individuals with intellectual disabilities generally report higher levels of satisfaction as result of receiving supports and services.

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