



Our Vision

**INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES
DESIGNING LIVES IN THE
COMMUNITY OF THEIR CHOICE**



Our Mission

**UNITING INDIVIDUALS
AND FAMILY VOICES
FOR EQUITY, DIGNITY
AND CHOICE**



A LITTLE HISTORY

- Federal Government developed institutions to educate people with IDD to become ‘productive’ members of society.
- Over the years, institutions shifted from educational schools to custodial settings
- Functioned as locations of care and medical practice rather than education. And here is where IL got stuck.

ILLINOIS IN THE RANKS



Illinois ranks very poorly in supporting folks to live in the community

- Disproportionate amount of allocated dollars go to 'brick and mortar' and not services in the community.
- Illinois has seven state-run institutions. Most states have none.
- Institutions are the default placement in Illinois when there is no other option.

CONTINUUM OF FUNDING MODELS



Federally Funded Default	Waiver Programs Matching funds from Federal Government and State	More Progressive Models
• Institutions • ICF-DD	• CILA & ICILA • Home Based Program	• Community Supported Living (Individualized & not currently in IL)

FEDERALLY FUNDED MODELS



Institutions - SODC

- State Operated Developmental Centers
- Est annual cost: \$350K per person

ICF-DD (Intermediate Care Facility for Developmentally Disabled)

- Est annual cost: \$150K per person

WAIVER PROGRAMS



CILA (Community Integrated Living Arrangement)

- Established in 1981, the model hasn't changed in 40 years.
- Needs based but **not person centered**
- Group homes run by licensed providers
- Est annual cost: \$80 - 125K
- CILA providers are not accepting individuals with high medical or behavioral needs.

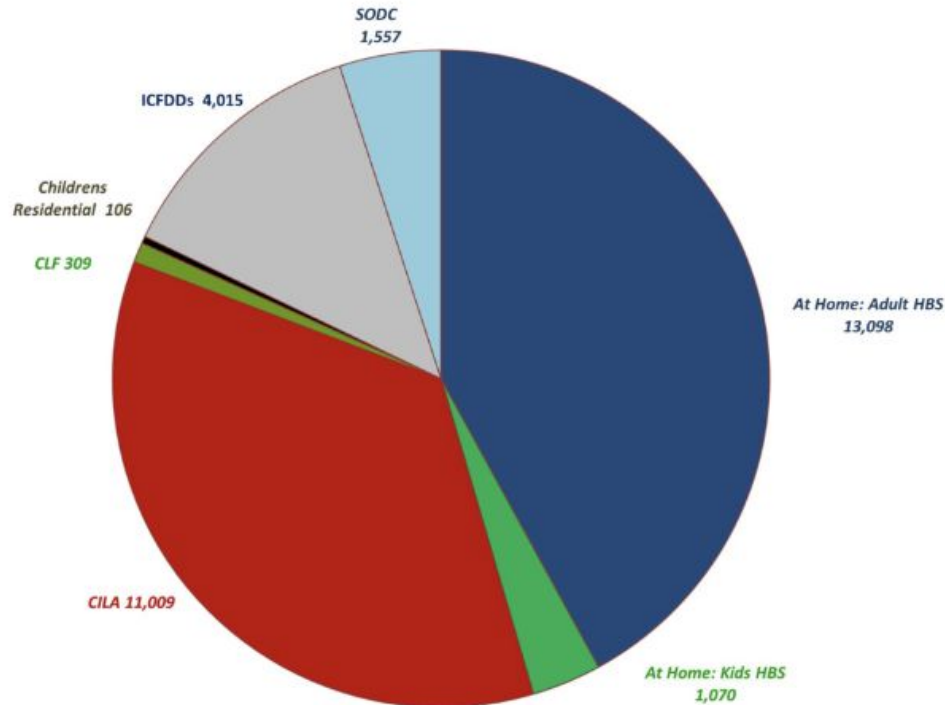
Home Based Program

- Stipend 3 times x Social Security \$34K/year
- **Intended** to provide funds to keep loved one at home until moving into CILA
- Not sufficient funds to create a person-centered self directed life.
- Over 80% of individuals are choosing Home-Based by **default** due to no other flexible options available.

Persons in Service by Living Arrangement - June 2024

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**Developmental Disabilities
Persons in Service by Living Arrangement
as of: June, 2024**



Private ICF/DDs include : SLC, MCDD (former SNF/Ped), and ICFDDs. Children's Residential includes Group Homes (17D) and CCIs (19D). HBS = Home Based Services. CLF = Community Living Facility (67D,67E,67O). Private ICFDDs and State-operated facilities are actual persons as of June, 2023. All other counts are persons "authorized" for services as of June, 2023. Report ID = MO44G061.



SERVICES BY LIVING ARRANGEMENT as of 6/24

At Home: HBS (adults)	13,098
At Home: HBS (Children)	1,070
CILA	11,009
CLF	309
Children Residential	106
Private ICF/DDs	4,015
State-Op Facilities (DD)	1,557
Total	31,164

MORE PROGRESSIVE MODEL: SUPPORTED LIVING



- More cost-effective than all other models
- Better outcomes from self-directed, person-centered services
- Based on need, including those who have high medical and mental health needs.
- National best practice
- Robust case management
- Sustainable



STRONG PARENT VOICE NEEDED

Currently, the strongest unified voices oppose moving away from institutional and congregate living models, which is the most expensive option for the State.

We need to advocate with louder voices for community-based models that yield evidence-based, positive outcomes.



**WE NEED A NEW
STRONG FAMILY
VOICE IN
SPRINGFIELD
REPRESENTING
THE DEMAND FOR
BETTER COMMUNITY
BASED OPTIONS.**



WE NEED A COALITION...



...of thousands of voters to move
the Governor's office, the
legislators and the Division of
Developmental Disabilities



WE NEED TO DEMAND EQUITABLE FUNDING FOR INDIVIDUAL SUPPORTED LIVING OPTIONS.

**Illinois must move to evidence-based
best practices used in other states.**



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TAKE ACTION

**Coming
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