

# ISAC #10

## Expand Community Living Options





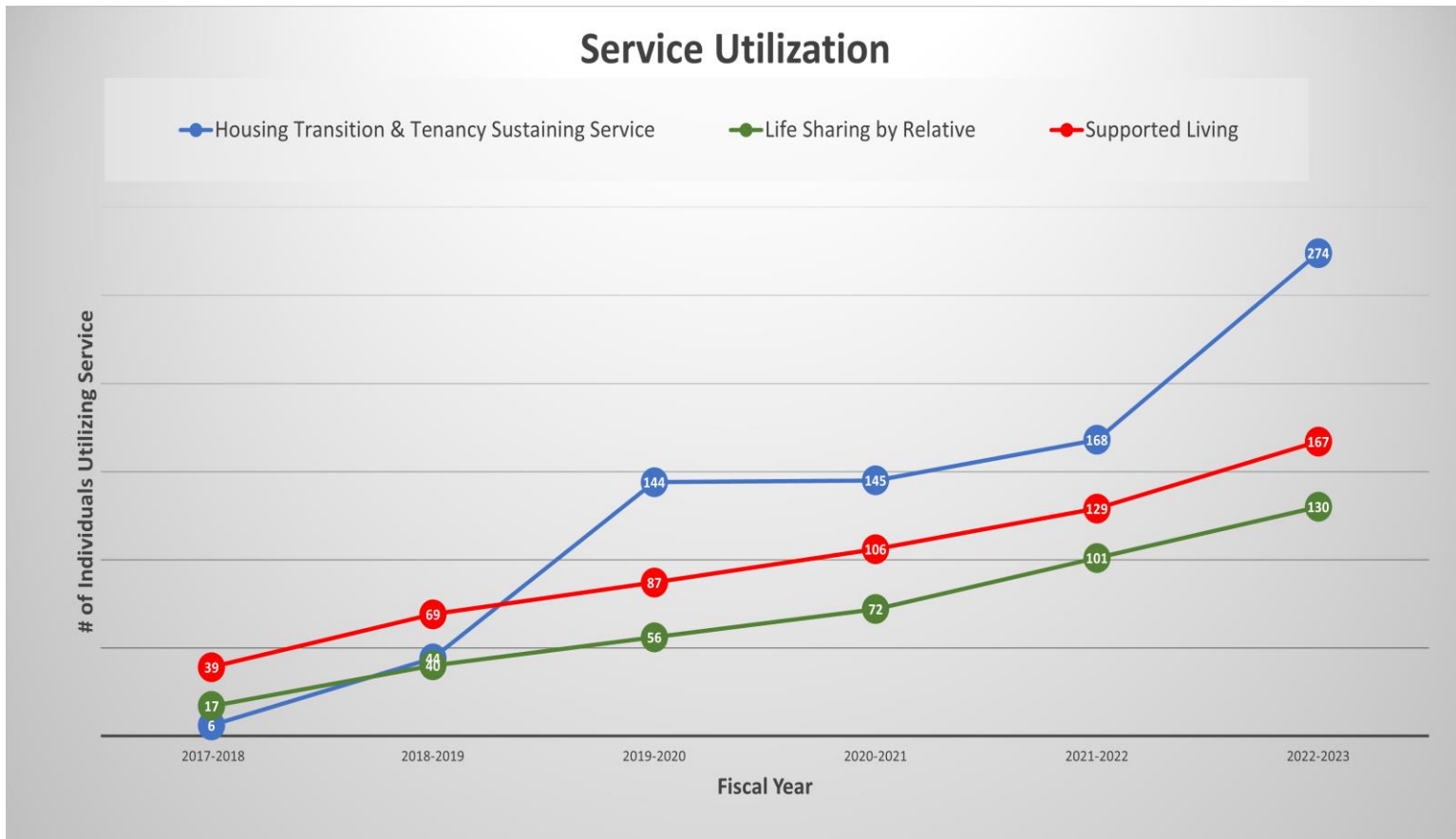
Expand the range of housing options in the community so all people can live where and with whom they want to live. Listening to people with disabilities and their families, providers, and Support Coordinators will help people locate affordable and accessible housing, find house mates, and identify housing resources/supports and other government benefits that, when blended with natural supports, will promote an everyday life.

## #10 – Expand Options for Community Living

- Increased number of applicant providers of Housing Tenancy and Tenancy Sustaining, Life Sharing by a Relative and Supported Living Services



- More individuals utilizing these services.





### Performance Measures for ISAC #10

Percent of people who choose their home. (NCI PA In-Person Survey)

Percent of people who choose their roommate. (NCI PA In-Person Survey)

Percent of people who rent or own their homes. (NCI PA In-Person Survey)

If people do not get needed services, the percent whose unmet need is in the area of finding/changing housing. (NCI PA In-Person Survey)

Percent of people who like where they live, overall and by race. (IM4Q)

Number of people who transition from residential habilitation to life-sharing or supported living. (PROMISe)

## #10 – Expand Options for Community Living



**pennsylvania**  
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Performance Measure	Percentage of people surveyed (PA)
Percent of people who chose or had some input in choosing their home.	54%
Percent of people who chose or had some input into choosing their housemates.	44%
Percent of people named on the lease or deed	8%
Percent of people named on "other legally enforceable rental agreement"	4%
If people do not get needed services, the percent whose unmet need is in the area of finding/changing housing.	5%

Data from 2021/2022 NCI National In-Person Survey Report



### Percent of people who like where they live, overall and by race. (IM4Q) FY 20/21

White	89.5%
African American or Black	84.2%
Other	91.7%
Overall Percent	88.9%

### Number of people who transitioned from Residential Habilitation to Life Sharing or Supported Living during FY 21/22

Life Sharing	11
Supported Living	14
Total	25

- ODP has “transition to independent living payments”.
  - **The intent is to incentivize the move from a residential habilitation setting to Supportive Living or Life Sharing.**
  - To support participants to successfully transition from a licensed Residential Habilitation service into Life Sharing or Supported Living services, two one-time per participant, Transition to Independent Living payments will be made to the provider.
  - The Transition to Independent Living payments are applicable for participants transitioning from a licensed home in which Residential Habilitation is provided to 4 or fewer people to a Life Sharing or Supported Living service rendered by the same provider.
  - The first payment will be made after the new Life Sharing or Supported Living service is rendered to the participant. The second payment will be made after the participant has received six consecutive months of Life Sharing or Supported Living service by the provider if the participant is still residing in the setting to which the participant transitioned and is expected to continue residing in that location and receive Life Sharing or Supported Living services.

**As of May 1, 2023, there have been 4 initial and 2 secondary payments made to 4 providers.**



- ODP working with Developmental Disabilities Council and their grantees, PA Health Law Project and Values Into Action
  - Developing a comprehensive training for new providers of Housing Tenancy and Tenancy Sustaining service
  - Developing a training for Supports Coordinators to help them understand how the service can be used to promote independent living.
  - Finally Home Housing Toolkit- a user-friendly resource providing housing information and tools for advocates, Housing Service Providers, Supports Coordinators, Supports Brokers, family members and other interested parties to support people with disabilities in securing the housing of their choice.

During October, November, and December 2022 the Pa Family Network hosted 12 workshops, podcasts, a social media campaign, and 5 full days virtual Summits on Life Sharing and Supported Living both on their own and as they relate to long-term planning for caregivers.

In Spring 2022, Vision for Equality hosted an event titled Beyond Group Homes with David Gates that explored various housing options, funding sources and service models that provide greater control for self-advocates and families than traditional group homes. Topics included: reverse life sharing, family purchased homes, home ownership by adults with developmental disabilities, ownership by trusts, rentals, housing subsidies, shared housing, additions. Non-residential services were discussed including Housing Transition Tenancy Sustaining, Supports Broker, Assistive Technology and how to obtain needed services through the ISP and variances and the importance of LifeCourse planning.

***First meeting May 23, 2023***

***Objective:*** Recommend strategies to ISAC to increase access to affordable, accessible housing for people with ID/A.

**Tasks:** Explore and provide recommendations related to:

- Housing subsidies for individuals with ID/A
- Housing development that increases the number of available affordable and accessible housing units
- HCBS Augmentation Fund for People with ID/A

## HCBS Augmentation Fund for People with ID

- Act 54 of 2022 created the “Home and Community-Based Services for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities Augmentation Account.”
- Restricted account ensures savings from state center closures are directed to the ID/A community program.
- Funds to be transferred to the account are:
  - 1) net proceeds of sale of property which served as a state center and
  - 2) an annual transfer from the General Fund of amount of any decrease in the appropriation for state centers from the prior year’s appropriation.
- Funds may only be used to augment home and community based services
  - quality projects related to direct support professionals,
  - housing for people with intellectual disabilities, and
  - providing home and community based services to individuals on the waiting list for home and community based services.
- Governor’s Budget proposes a transfer of \$12.053M for Augmentation Fund.