

# Learning About Housing For Your Adult Family Member With Disabilities

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Isn't there a happy ending?

“Books ought to have good endings. How would this do: *and they all settled down and lived together happily ever after?*”

‘Ah!’ said Sam. ‘And where will they live? That’s what I often wonder.’”

- J.R.R. Tolkien

- 81% of young adults 19-30 with autism live with parents or guardians
- 67% of adults with disabilities aren't working
- 80 - 90% of adults with autism aren't working

(Easter Seals, 2008)

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Èske pa gen kè kontan nan fen an ?

“Liv yo ta dwe gen bon fen. Kòman sa ta ye : epi yo tout te estabilize lavi yo ak viv ansanm ak kè kontan pou tout rès lavi yo apre ?’

‘Ah !’ Sam te di. ‘Epi ki kote yo pral rete ? Se sa mwen mande m souvan.’”

- J.R.R. Tolkien

- 81% jèn adilt ki gen ant 19 a 30 an ki gen otis ap viv avèk paran yo oswa titè yo
- 67% nan adilt ki gen andikap yo pap travay
- 80 a 90% nan adilt ki gen otis yo pap travay

Sous : Easter Seals, 2008

## Won't my family member go into a group home?

- Adult services are not an entitlement
- 927 individuals who turned 22 in FY17 were served by the Department of Developmental Services (DDS); it is estimated about 40% - 50% had autism
- Only about 270 of the Turning 22 class received Community Based Residential Services (CBRS). CBRS includes:
  - Group homes
  - Shared Living, where a caregiver receives a stipend from DDS to live with a person with a disability (usually in the caregiver's home, but sometimes in the home of the person with a disability)
  - People living with a caregiver funded by MassHealth, who also receive 30 or more wrap-around hours a week from DDS

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## Èske manm fanmi m nan pral nan yon kay kote plizyè moun ki gen bezwen espesyal ret ansanm ?

- Sèvis pou adilt yo se pa dwa otomatik.
- [Depatman Sèvis Devlopman (DDS)] te sèvi 927 moun ki te vin gen 22 an nan ane fiskal 2017 la ; yo estime gen apeprè 40% - 50% ladan yo ki te gen otis
- Se sèlman apeprè 270 nan gwoup moun ki te vin 22 an (Turning 22) yo ki te resevwa Sèvis lojman kominotè [Community Based Residential Services (CBRS)] yo. Pami CBRS yo, nou jwenn :
  - Kay kote plizyè moun ki gen bezwen espesyal ret ansanm
  - Lojman an komen kay yon fanmi (Shared Living), kote yon moun k ap bay swen resevwa yon gratifikasyon nan men DDS pou l abite avèk yon moun ki gen yon andikap (an jeneral nan kay moun k ap bay swen an, men pafwa nan kay moun ki gen andikap la)
  - Moun ki abite avèk yon moun k ap bay swen ki resevwa lajan nan men MassHealth la, ki resevwa tou 30 oswa plis èdtan pa semèn nan men DDS pou sèvis pou jèn moun ki gen pwoblèm grav ak konplèks

## Who receives Community Based Residential Services?

- Historically, 25–30% of those receiving residential supports have no family involvement.
- For those with family involvement, DDS uses a “health and safety” criteria; if the person is living in the family home, and DDS feels they are healthy and safe there, DDS won’t fund CBRS, other than some “family support” hours.

## Ki moun ki resevwa sèvis lojman kominotè ?

- Istorikman, 25-30% nan moun ki resevwa soutyen rezidansyèl pa gen fanmi ki enplike nan swen yo.
- Pou moun ki gen fanmi ki enplike nan swen yo, DDS itilize yon kritè "sante ak sekirite" ; si moun nan abite nan kay fanmi an, epi DDS santi yo an sante e an sekirite, DDS pap bay CBRS lajan, apa kèk èdtan pou "soutyen fanmi".

## Who receives Community Based Residential Services (2)?

- Health and safety is a three-pronged test:
  - The family's ability to provide care
    - Examples of someone receiving CBRS include a mother who is legally blind, a parent with a bad back who can't provide care to someone in a wheelchair, etc.
  - The needs of the individual
    - Examples of someone receiving CBRS include individuals with aggression, self-injurious behavior, and pica (eating garbage)
  - The judgment of the DDS person doing the assessment
- If your child is offered housing at 22 and you turn it down, you may not be offered it again until the family is unable to provide care

## Ki moun ki resevwa sèvis rezidansyèl kominotè (2) ?

- Sante ak sekirite se yon tès ki gen twa volè :
  - Kapasite fanmi an genyen pou l bay swen
    - Men kèk egzanp yon moun k ap resevwa CBRS : yon manman ki legalman avèg, yon paran ki gen yon pwoblèm nan do ki pa ka bay yon moun ki sou yon chèz woulant swen, elatriye
  - Bezwen moun nan
    - Men kèk egzanp sou yon moun k ap resevwa CBRS : moun ki agresif, k ap fè tèt li mal, ak pica (manje fatra)
  - Jijman moun nan DDS la k ap fè evalyasyon an
- Si yo ofri pitit ou a kay lè l gen 22 an epi w pa pran l, yo ka pa janm ofri l li ankò jiskaske fanmi an vin pa anmezi pou ba l swen

## What about that group home?

- About 40% of those receiving CBRS live in a group home, and about 20% live in Shared Living
- DDS wants to serve more people in Shared Living, and fewer in group homes
- DDS does **NOT** fund the housing expenses in Shared Living
- People without an intellectual disability are not currently eligible for either a group home or Shared Living.
  - If they live in homes of their own and need less than 24/7 care, they may be able to receive individual support hours. Otherwise, they are eligible for family supports.
  - DDS will not fund the housing, except possibly if the person has no family involvement

**Most families will need to face the challenge of finding or creating housing**

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## E konsènan kay kote plizyè moun ki gen bezwen espesyal ret ansanm ?

- Apeprè 40% nan moun k ap resevwa CBRS yo abite nan yon kay kote plizyè moun ki gen bezwen espesyal ret ansanm, epi apeprè 20% ap viv an komen ak yon fanmi
- DDS vle sèvi plis moun ki abite an komen ak yon fanmi, ak mwens moun ki abite nan yon kay kote plizyè moun ki gen bezwen espesyal ret ansanm
- DDS **PA** peye pou depans pou lojman nan lojman an komen yo
- Moun yo ki pa gen yon andikap entèlektyèl yo pa kalifye kounye a ni pou yon kay kote plizyè moun ki gen bezwen espesyal ret ansanm ni pou pou abite an komen ak yon fanmi.
  - Si yo abite nan pwòp kay yo epi yo bezwen swen mwens pase 24 èdtan pa jou ak 7 jou pa semèn, yo ka petèt voye moun ede yo pandan kèd èdtan. Sinon, y ap kalifye pou soutyen famiyal.
  - DDS pap peye pou kay la, sòf si fanmi moun nan pa enplike nan swen l.

⇒ Pifò fanmi yo ap oblije degaje yo swa pou yo jwenn yon lojman oswa kreye yon lojman

## The Good News: Separation of Housing From Services is Best Practice

- Finding housing is challenging, but can lead to better outcomes
  - Individuals can choose with whom they live
  - If the service provider is a poor fit, the individual can change providers without moving
  - If a live-in caregiver quits, the caregiver leaves, not the person with a disability

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## Men bon nouvèl la : Separasyon ant lojman ak sèvis yo se pi bon pratik la

- Jwenn kay difisil, men sa ka abouti a pi bon rezilta
  - Moun yo ka chwazi ak kiyès pou yo viv
  - Si moun k ap bay sèvis la pa bon pou moun k ap resevwa sèvis la, moun k ap resevwa sèvis la ka chanje moun k ap bay sèvis la san l pa kite kay li rete a
  - Si yon moun k ap bay yon moun swen epi ki abite avè l kite, moun k ap bay swen an prale, men moun ki gen andikap la pa prale



## Don't Panic! Plan\*

- Learn the Housing Equation
  - Rules govern which government programs can be combined, which can't, what they can be used for and where
- Develop a housing strategy that you can implement over time; 5-10 years is not uncommon
  - At 18, start taking concrete steps
  - Don't wait until you're ready for your family member to move out – because when you start taking steps is when the 5-10 year clock starts!
- Develop assets (before 18, if possible!)
- Develop your family member's skills

\* Nothing here constitutes legal, financial or real estate advice

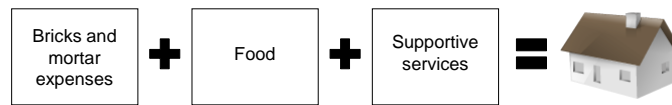
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## Pa panike ! Fè planifikasyon\*

- Aprann ekwasyon lojman an
  - Gen règleman ki etabli ki pwogram gouvènman an genyen ki ka konbine, kilès ki pa ka konbine, poukisa ak ki kote yo ka itilize yo
- Devlope yon estrateji pou lojman w ap ka aplike alalong ; 5-10 ane se pa yon bagay ki ra
  - A 18 an, kòmanse pran etap konkrè
  - Pa ret tann jiskaske w prè pou manm fanmi w nan kite kay la – paske lè w kòmanse fè demach yo se lè sa a kwonomèt 5-10 ane a kòmanse !
- Devlope byen yo (anvan 18 an, si l posib !)
- Devlope konpetans manm fanmi w nan

## The housing equation



- Supportive services almost always cost more than bricks and mortar expenses
- Don't forget this doesn't include spending money, transportation, etc.

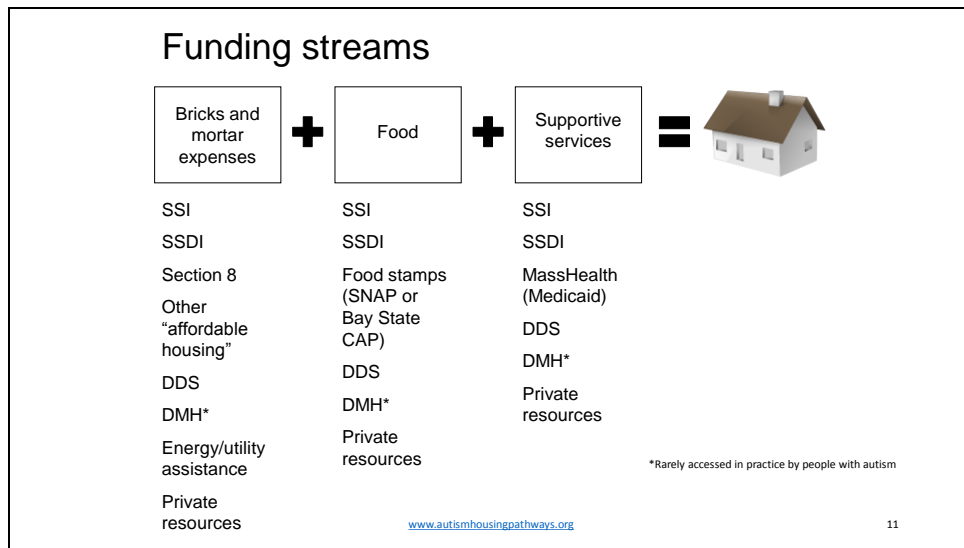
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## Ekwasyon lojman an

Depans pou lojman + Manje + Sèvis soutyen = Lojman

- Sèvis soutyen yo prèske toujou koute plis pase depans pou brik ak mòtye
- Pa bliye sa pa gen ladan l lajan w ap depanse, lajan pou transpò, elatriye



Depans pou lojman :

- SSI
- SSDI
- Section 8
- Lòt "lojman a pri abòdab"
- DDS
- DMH\*
- Èd nan domèn enèji / sèvis piblik (elektrisite, gaz, elatriye)
- Resous prive

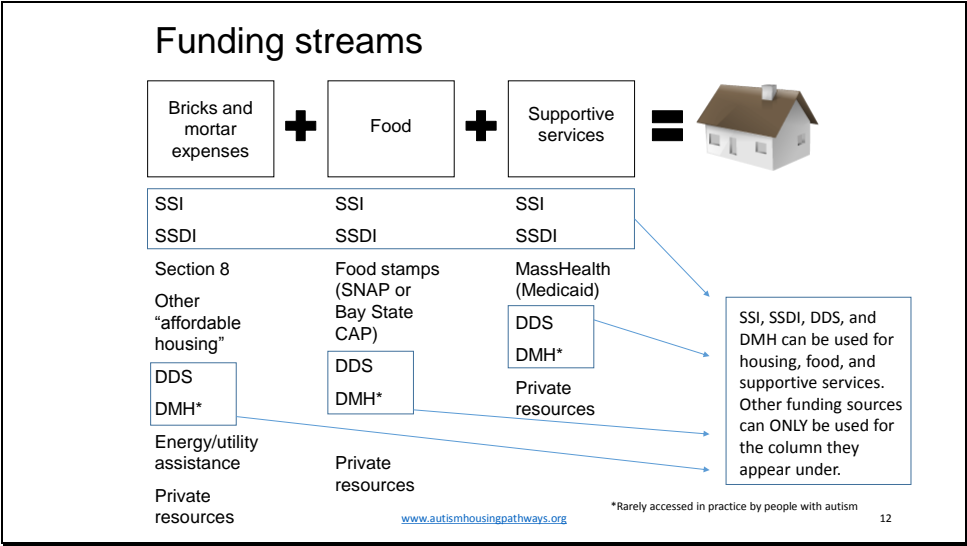
Manje :

- SSI
- SSDI
- Koupon alimantè [Food stamps (SNAP oswa Bay State CAP)]
- DDS
- DMH\*
- Resous prive

Sèvis soutyen :

- SSI
- SSDI
- MassHealth (Medicaid)
- DDS
- DMH\*
- Resous prive

\* An pratik se raman moun ki souffri otis gen aksè a DMH



Yo ka itilize SSI, SSDI, DDS, ak DMH pou lojman, manje, ak sèvis soutyen. Yo ka SÈLMAN itilize lòt sous finansman yo pou kolòn yo parèt anba l la.

## The Big 4: SSI, SSDI, Section 8, MassHealth

### • Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

- Must be elderly, blind, or disabled, extremely low income (<\$1,337/month in 2017) and <\$2,000 in assets
- \$577-\$1,189/month, depending on living situation
  - \$1,189 in licensed assisted living
  - \$849 living alone
  - \$765 sharing expenses equally or in a group home
  - \$577 in the home of another where not sharing expenses equally
- Some is paid by the Social Security Administration, the rest by the state
- No penalty for \$65/month earned income, and \$20/month unearned
  - More income means benefit cuts of 50 cents on the dollar
  - The maximum reduction is 50% of the federal payment, plus \$20

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### • Revni siplemantè sekirite sosyal [Supplemental Security Income (SSI)]

- Fòk ou se yon granmoun, ou avèg, oswa w gen yon andikap, ou gen yon revni ki ba anpil (pi piti pase 1.337 \$ pa mwa an 2017) epi byen w yo pi piti pase 2.000 \$
- 577 \$ - 1.189 \$ pa mwa, tou depann de kondisyon lojman w
  - 1.189 \$ nan yon rezidans pou moun ki depandan
  - 849 \$ si w ap viv pou kont ou
  - 765 \$ si w ap pataje depans yo egal ego oswa w nan yon kay kote plizyè moun ki gen bezwen espesyal ret ansanm
  - 577 \$ lakay yon lòt moun kote w pap pataje depans yo egal ego
- Administrasyon Sekirite Sosyal (Social Security Administration) peye yon pati ladan l, eta a peye rès la
- Pa gen penalite pou yon moun k ap touche 65 \$ pa mwa nan travay li, ak pou yon moun ki gen yon revni 20 \$ pa mwa ki pa salè l
  - Fè plis lajan vle di y ap koupe alokasyon yo a 50 santim pou yon dola
  - Rediksyon maksimòm nan se 50% nan peman federal la, plis 20 \$

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- SSI (continued)
  - Makes you automatically eligible for MassHealth Standard
  - Apply for SSI as an adult at 18
    - If a MassHealth card doesn't come in the mail after a person is approved for SSI, call MassHealth.
    - If they ask you to complete a MassHealth application, ask to speak with a supervisor – tell the supervisor your adult child is on SSI
      - Completing a MassHealth application could cause problems; normally, people apply for MassHealth as adults at 19, but people on SSI should receive it automatically at 18.

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### • SSI (k ap kontinye)

- Si yon moun gen SSI, l ap otomatikman kalifye pou MassHealth estanda (MassHealth Standard).
- Aplike pou SSI kòm adilt lè w gen 18 an
  - Si yon moun pa resevwa MassHealth li pa lapòs apre l fin apwouve pou SSI, rele MassHealth.
  - Si yo mande w pou w ranpli yon aplikasyon MassHealth, mande pou w pale ak yon sipèvizè – di sipèvizè a pitit ou a ki se yon adilt gen SSI
    - Ranpli yon aplikasyon MassHealth ta ka bay pwoblèm ; nòmalman, moun aplike pou MassHealth kòm adilt lè yo gen 19 an, men moun ki gen SSI ta dwe resevwa l otomatikman lè yo gen 18 an.

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- **Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)**
  - Based on the work history of the individual OR of the parent, if the person is a "Disabled Adult Child" (disability present before age 22)
    - If based on parent's history, benefits begin when parent retires, becomes disabled, or dies
  - May pay more than SSI (depending upon parent's work history)
    - If it pays less, the person gets enough SSI to make up the difference
  - No limit on savings, assets or unearned income, but the person can't earn more than \$1,170/month (in 2017)

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- **Asirans pou andikap sekirite sosyal la [Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)]**
  - Li baze sou istwa travay moun nan OSWA paran an, si moun nan se "pitit yon adilt ki gen yon andikap" (li gen andikap la anvan l gen 22 an)
    - Si l baze sou istwa paran an, alokasyon yo ap kòmanse lè paran an pran retrèt, lè l vin gen yon andikap, oswa lè l mouri
  - Li ka peye plis pase SSI (tou depann de istwa travay paran an)
    - Si l peye mwens, moun nan gen ase SSI pou kouvri diferans lan
  - Pa gen limit nan lajan w ekonomize, nan byen w ka genyen oswa nan revni ki pa salè w, men moun nan pa ka ap touche plis pase 1.170 \$ pa mwa (an 2017)

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- SSDI and health insurance

- SSDI makes you eligible for Medicare after 2 years, NOT MassHealth (Medicaid)
- MassHealth is the main way to pay for long-term services and supports
- If the SSDI payment is above the MassHealth income limit, the person could lose their MassHealth
  - An exception: Won't lose MassHealth if moving from SSI (as an adult) to SSDI is the only reason the income went too high
  - Don't retire until your child is getting SSI as an adult, if you have a strong earning history

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- SSDI ak asirans lasante

- SSDI ap fè w kalifye pou Medicare apre 2 an, PA MassHealth (Medicaid)
- MassHealth se mwayen prensipal pou moun peye pou sèvis ak soutyen alontèm.
- Si paman SSDI la pi wo pase limit revni MassHealth la, moun nan ka pèdi MassHealth li
  - Yon eksepsyon : Ou pap pèdi MassHealth la si w kite SSI (kòm yon adilt) pou w pran SSDI se sèlman rezon ki fè revni an te twò wo a
  - Pa pran retrèt ou pazavan pitit ou a kòmanse ap resevwa SSI kòm yon adilt, si w ap touche yon gwo salè depi lontan



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### • SSDI and CommonHealth

- Those who lose MassHealth may qualify for CommonHealth; it can also be used to pay for long-term services and supports
- May need to pay a premium, based on income
- Qualify based on own income at 19
- Must meet one of the following to qualify:
  - Working 40 hours a month
  - Meeting a one-time deductible
    - Show medical expenses not covered by insurance in a 6 month period above a certain amount: (Gross monthly income minus \$542) x 6
  - Being HIV positive and having a household income of 200% or less of the Federal Poverty Limit

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### • SSDI ak CommonHealth

- Moun ki pèdi MassHealth yo ka kalifye pou CommonHealth ; yo ka itilize l tou pou peye pou sèvis ak soutyen alontèm yo
- Ou ka oblije peye yon prim k ap baze sou revni w
- Kalifikasyon w ap baze sou pwòp revni w lè w gen 19 an
- Ou dwe reponn a youn nan sa yo pou w ka kalifye :
  - W ap travay 40 èdtan pa mwa
  - Peye yon dediktib yon sèl fwa
    - Montre asirans pa t kouvri depans medikal yo nan yon peryòd 6 mwa pi wo pase yon sèten kantite : (Revni masyèl brit mwens 542 \$) x 6
  - Ou gen viris maladi sida a epi revni fanmi an 200% oswa mwens Limit povrete federal la

Emergency Aid to the Elderly, Disabled, and Children (EAEDC):  
A cash benefit for those who don't qualify for SSI or SSDI

- Qualify if:
  - Disabled,
  - Caring for someone who is severely disabled,
  - 65 years old or older, or
  - Getting training from a Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission program.
- Payment rates:
  - Single person with shelter costs: \$303.70
  - Each person in a married couple: \$202.50
  - Homeless: \$92.80
  - Rest home resident: \$72.80

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Èd dijans pou moun aje, moun ki andikape, ak timoun [Emergency Assistance for the Elderly, Disabled and Children (EAEDC)] : Yon alokasyon kach pou moun ki pa kalifye pou SSI oswa SSDI

- W ap kalifye si :
  - W gen yon andikap,
  - W ap pran swen yon moun ki gravman andikape,
  - W gen 65 an oswa pi gran, oswa
  - W ap resevwa fòmasyon nan yon pwogram Komisyon Readaptasyon (Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission) nan Massachusetts.
- Nivo peman yo :
  - Pou selibatè ak depans pou lojman : 303,70 \$
  - Pou chak moun nan yon koup marye : 202,50 \$
  - Pou yon sanzabri: 92,80 \$
  - Pou rezidan nan yon mezon retrèt 72,80 \$

## The Big 4: SSI, SSDI, Section 8, MassHealth

- Section 8 – a portable voucher
  - Individual pays 30% of income in rent to landlord; the balance is paid to the landlord with funds from the US Dept. of Housing and Urban Development
  - Will not affect SSI or MassHealth benefits
  - Can be a 10-12 year wait
  - Can apply at 18
  - May only have 60 days to use it, but can usually get an extension for a person with a disability (120 days total)
  - A person with a disability can receive a two-bedroom voucher if they need an aide to live with them – but the aide cannot be a close family member (a cousin might be OK)
  - Having a family member be the landlord can be permitted as a reasonable accommodation for disability, but the person renting must live in a legal, separate unit
  - “18? Section 8!”: a video and website to help you through the process ([www.18section8.org](http://www.18section8.org))

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### • Section 8 – yon kupon pòtab

- Endividi a peye mèt kay la 30% nan revni l ; Depatman Lojman ak Devlopman Iben nan Etazini (US Dept. of Housing and Urban Development) ap peye mèt kay la rès lajan an.
- Li pap afekte alokasyon SSI oswa MassHealth yo
- Ou ka ret tann 10-12 an pou w jwenn li
- Ou ka aplike lè w gen 18 an
- Ou ka gen sèlman 60 jou pou w itilize l, men an jeneral ou ka jwenn yon ekstansyon si w se yon moun ki gen yon andikap (total 120 jou)
- Yon moun ki gen yon andikap ka resevwa yon bon pou de chanm a kouche si l bezwen yon asistan pou abite avè l – men asistan an pa ka yon manm fanmi pwòch (li ta ka pa yon pwoblèm pou yon kouzen / kouzin)
- Yo ka pèmèt pwopriyetè kay la se yon manm fanmi an nan kad yon aranjman rezonab pou yon moun ki gen yon andikap, men moun ki lwe kay la dwe rete nan yon apatman apa, ki legal
- “18 ? Section 8 !”: Yon videyo ak sit entènèt pou ede w atravè pwosesis la ([www.18section8.org](http://www.18section8.org))

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- Three ways to apply for Section 8
  - The Centralized Waiting List
    - Apply online (<http://www.section8listmass.org/>)
    - Login annually to update application and make any changes to prevent being taken off the list
    - Make sure they have an up to date address
  - The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCVP) Section 8 list (also called the regional non-profit list)
    - Fill out a paper application and mail it or hand carry it to the non-profit serving your area (Metropolitan Boston Housing Partnership serves Boston) (<http://www.mass.gov/hed/economic/eohed/dhcd/rental-applications-and-documentation.html>)
    - Contact them annually to update application and make any changes to prevent being taken off the list
    - Make sure they have an up to date address
  - Housing authorities that have vouchers, but don't participate in the Centralized Waiting List
    - The list includes Boston and Cambridge
    - <http://18section8.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/Additional-sources-of-Section-8-vouchers2017.pdf>

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### • Twa mwayen pou yon moun aplike pou Section 8

- Lis datant santralize (Centralized Waiting List) a
  - Aplike sou entènèt (<http://www.section8listmass.org/>)
  - Konekte chak ane pou w mete aplikasyon w nan ajou ak pou w fè nenpòt chanjman pou anpeche yo retire w nan lis la
  - Asire w adrès yo gen pou ou a ajou
- Lis Section 8 Pwogram Bon pou Chwa Kay [Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCVP)] Depatman Lojman ak Devlopman Kominotè [Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD)] a (yo rele l tou lis ajans ki pa la pou fè pwofi nan rejyon an)
  - Ranpli yon aplikasyon sou papye epi voye l pa lapòs oswa pote l ale nan ajans ki pa la pou fè pwofi k ap sèvi zòn ou an (Metropolitan Boston Partnership Housing sèvi Boston) (<http://www.mass.gov/hed/economic/eohed/dhcd/rental-applications-and-documentation.html>)
  - Kontakte yo chak ane pou w mete aplikasyon w nan ajou ak pou w fè nenpòt chanjman pou anpeche yo retire w nan lis la
  - Asire w adrès yo gen pou ou a ajou
- Otorite Lojman yo ki gen bon, men ki pa patisipe nan Lis datant santralize
  - Lis la gen ladan l Boston ak Cambridge
  - <http://18section8.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/Additional-sources-of-Section-8-vouchers2017.pdf>

## Project-based Section 8

- Another type of Section 8
- The voucher belongs to a specific address and is NOT portable
- Waiting lists may be much shorter
- Living in project-based Section 8 for a year can move someone to the top of the portable Section 8 voucher waiting list
- A person with a disability can receive a two-bedroom voucher if they need an aide to live with them – but the aide cannot be a close family member

## Section 8 ki pou yon lojman piblik espesifik

- Yon lòt tip Section 8
- Bon an se pou yon adrès espesifik epi li PA pòtab
- Lis datant yo ka pi kout anpil
- Si yon moun abite nan Section 8 ki pou yon lojman piblik espesifik pandan yon ane, sa ka fè l monte nan tèt lis datant bon Section 8 pòtab la
- Yon moun ki gen yon andikap ka resevwa yon bon pou de chanm a kouche si l bezwen yon asistan pou abite avè l – men asistan an pa ka yon manm fanmi pwòch

## The Big 4: SSI, SSDI, Section 8, MassHealth

- MassHealth ***is*** Medicaid
- Medicaid “State Plan Services” are the main way to pay for long-term services and supports
  - An entitlement, meaning there are no waiting lists
  - Both MassHealth Standard and CommonHealth members can use state plan services
  - State plan residential services include Group Adult Foster Care, Adult Foster (or Family) Care, and Personal Care Attendant services
  - May ***not*** be used to pay for housing
  - Follow events in Washington, D.C. – “block granting” or “capitation” of Medicaid would mean waiting lists for state plan services

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## 4 gwo sèvis yo : SSI, SSDI, Section 8, MassHealth

- MassHealth ***se*** Medicaid
- “Sèvis plan asirans pou eta a” Medicaid genyen yo se mwayen prensipal pou moun peye pou sèvis ak soutyen alontèm.
  - Yon dwa otomatik, sa vle di pa gen lis datant
  - Ni manm MassHealth Standard ni manm CommonHealth ka itilize sèvis plan eta yo
  - Pami sèvis rezidansyèl plan eta yo, nou jwenn Swen fanmi dakèy pou plizyè adilt (Group Adult Foster Care), Swen fanmi dakèy (oswa familyal) pou adilt (Adult Foster Care), ak sèvis kote yon asistan ap bay swen pèsònèl
  - Ou ***pa*** ka itilize yo pou w peye pou lojman
  - Swiv evenman yo Washington, D.C. – “sibvansyon” oswa “kapitasyon” Medicaid ta vle di lis datant pou sèvis plan eta yo

## Group Adult Foster Care (GAFC)

- Available at age 22
- May be used in either subsidized housing or assisted living settings served by a GAFC organization
- Must need at least prompting with one or more activities of daily living (ADLs): toileting, bathing, dressing, eating, mobility, transferring in or out of a wheelchair
- Maximum 3 residents "per unit" (unit must have at least one bedroom and one bathroom)
- Funding worth \$14,720 per person per year (@ \$1,227/month)
- At least 1 caregiver per 10 residents
- Residents may not be aggressive or self-injurious
- "Emergency service" must be available 24/7
- Supposed to cover 14 hours per person per week.

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## Swen fanmi dakèy pou plizyè adilt [Group Adult Foster Care (GAFC)]

- Li disponib a 22 an
- Yo ka itilize l swa pou lojman ki jwenn sibvansyon swa nan rezidans pou moun ki depandan yon òganizasyon GAFC ap sèvi
- Moun nan dwe bezwen èd pou l fè youn oswa plis nan aktivite nan lavi kotidyèn yo (an anglè ADLs) : twalèt, benyen, abiye, manje, mobilite, transfere sot sou yon chèz woulant oswa al chita sou yon chèz woulant
- Maksimòm 3 rezidan "pa apatman" (apatman an dwe gen pou piti yon chanm ak yon twalèt)
- Finansman ki vo 14.720 \$ pou yon moun pa ane (a 1.227 \$ pa mwa)
- Pou pi piti 1 moun k ap bay swen pou 10 rezidan
- Rezidan yo pa ta dwe agresif oswa ap fè tèt yo mal
- Dwe gen "sèvis dijans" 24 èdtan pa jou ak 7 jou pa semèn
- Li sipoze kouvri 14 èdtan pou yon moun pa semèn.

## Adult Foster Care (AFC)

- Available at 16
- A provider cares for up to three adults with disabilities either in the provider's home or in the home of the person(s) with disabilities
  - The person with disabilities may need to pay room and board if the home belongs to the provider
  - If the provider lives in the home of the person with disabilities:
    - The stipend is tax-free only if the provider is paying rent
    - The provider must receive enough compensation to equal the minimum wage, with overtime over 40 hours/week (value of any free rent counts as pay; 5+ hours of continuous sleep don't count as work) – may need 3 adults with disabilities to cover cost

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## Swen fanmi dakèy pou adilt [Adult Foster Care (AFC)]

- Disponib a 16 an
- Yon moun k ap bay swen ap okipe jiska twa adilt ki gen andikap swa lakay moun k ap bay swen an swa lakay moun ki gen andikap la (yo)
  - Moun nan ki gen andikap yo ka oblije peye pou lojman ak manje si kay la se pou moun k ap ba l swen an
  - Si moun k ap bay swen an ap viv lakay moun nan ki gen andikap yo :
    - Yo pap pran taks sou gratifikasyon an sèlman si moun k ap bay swen an ap peye lwaye
    - Moun k ap bay swen an dwe resevwa ase reminerasyon k ap egal a salè minimòm nan, avèk èdtan siplemantè plis pase 40 èdtan pa semèn (valè nenpòt lwaye gratis konte kòm peye ; plis pase 5 èdtan dòmi nèt ale pa konte kòm travay) – ou ka bezwen 3 adilt ki gen andikap pou kouvri depans yo



## Adult Foster Care (AFC) (2)

- Provider receives a tax-free stipend from Medicaid for 50 weeks
  - About \$9,125/year for Level I care<sup>1</sup>
  - About \$18,250/year for Level II care<sup>2</sup>
- If the **caregiver** qualifies for food stamps, the individual with a disability cannot also qualify for food stamps if the caregiver chooses not to count the individual as part of the caregiver's household
  - If the caregiver does not qualify for food stamps, the individual with a disability cannot receive food stamps.

<sup>1</sup> Needs at least prompts for one or more ADLs

<sup>2</sup> Needs physical assistance with three or more ADLs, or two ADLs plus a behavior

## Swen fanmi dakèy pou adilt [Adult Foster Care (AFC)] (2)

- Moun k ap bay swen an ap resevwa yon gratifikasyon ki pap gen taks soti ladan l nan men Medicaid pandan 50 semèn
  - Apeprè 9.125 \$ pa ane pou swen Nivo I<sup>1</sup>
  - Apeprè 18.250 \$ pa ane pou swen Nivo II<sup>2</sup>
- Si **moun k ap bay swen** an kalifye pou kupon alimentè, moun ki gen andikap la pa ka kalifye pou kupon alimentè si moun k ap bay swen an chwazi pou l pa konte moun l ap okipe a kòm yon manm fanmi moun k ap bay swen an
  - Si moun k ap bay swen an pa kalifye pou kupon alimentè, moun ki gen yon andikap la pa ka resevwa kupon alimentè.

<sup>1</sup> Moun k ap resevwa swen an bezwen èd pou l fè youn oswa plis nan aktivite nan lavi kotidyèn yo (an anglè ADLs)

<sup>2</sup> Moun k ap resevwa swen an bezwen asistans fizik pou l fè twa oswa plis nan aktivite nan lavi kotidyèn yo (an anglè ADLs), oswa de nan aktivite lavi kotidyèn yo plis yon konpòtman

## Adult Family Care (AFC)

- Same as Adult Foster Care, but the caregiver is a family member who is not a legal guardian
  - Generally means a parent cannot be a caregiver until the individual is 18
  - Often at 18 one parent will become the guardian while another becomes the caregiver

## Swen familyal pou adilt [Adult Family Care (AFC)]

- Menm ak Swen fanmi dakèy pou adilt, men moun k ap bay swen an se yon manm fanmi ki pa yon titè legal
  - An jeneral, sa vle di yon paran pa ka yon moun k ap bay swen pazavan moun k ap resevwa swen an pa gen 18 an
  - Souvan a 18 an yon paran ap vin titè a alòske yon lòt moun vin se moun k ap bay swen an

## Personal Care Attendants (PCA)

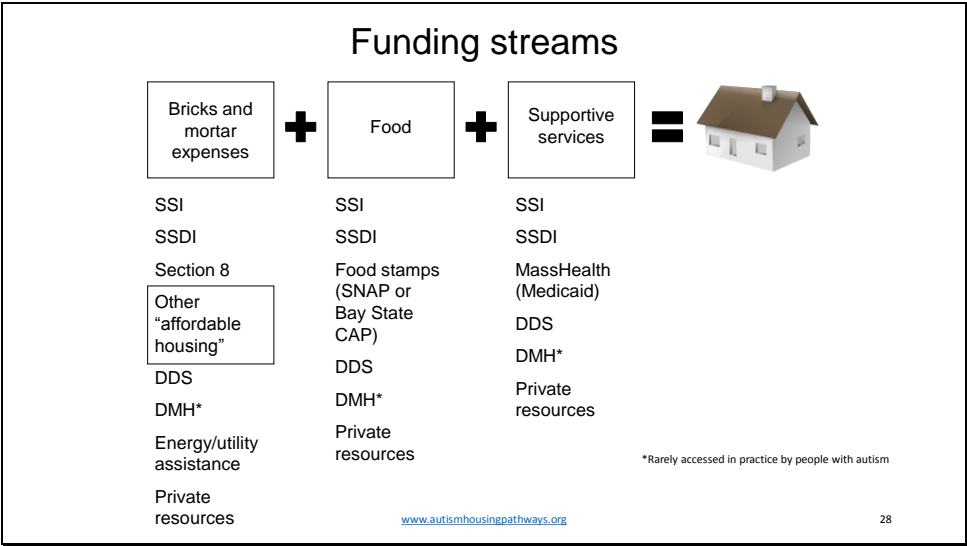
- Cannot be combined with Adult Family Care or Group Adult Foster Care
- Must need physical assistance with 2 or more ADLs
- A PCA cannot be a legal guardian; for adults, a parent who is not a guardian can be a PCA
- PCAs may only work the number of hours approved by MassHealth
- PCAs make \$14.56/hour; it will go to \$15/hour in July 2018
- A waiver is needed for PCAs who work over 40 hours/week for all clients
- If you need less than 15 hours/week of assistance, it may be more cost effective to apply for Adult Foster Care; if you need 24/7 coverage, it may also be preferable to apply for Adult Foster Care, as PCA only covers specific tasks for short periods of time
  - For people who consistently need assistance throughout the night (i.e. with a breathing tube, or nighttime toileting due to a prostate condition), overnight PCA might be a possibility

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## Asistan k ap bay swen pèsònèl (an anglè PCA)

- Pa ka konbine avèk Swen fanmiyal pou adilt oswa Swen fanmi dakèy pou plizyè adilt
- Moun k ap resevwa swen an dwe bezwen asistans fizik pou l fè de oswa plis nan aktivite nan lavi kotidyèn yo
- Yon PCA pa kapab yon titè legal ; pou adilt, yon paran ki pa yon titè ka yon PCA
- PCA ka sèlman travay yon kantite èdtan MassHealth apwouve
- PCA yo fè 14,56 \$ pa èdtan ; li pral monte a 15 \$ pa èdtan an jiyè 2018
- Yon egzonerasyon nesèsè pou PCA yo k ap travay plis pase 40 èdtan / semèn pou tout kliyan
- Si w bezwen èd pou pi piti pase 15 èdtan pa semèn, li ka pi rantab pou w aplike pou Swen fanmi dakèy pou adilt ; si w bezwen èd 24 èdtan pa jou ak 7 jou pa semèn, li ka pi preferab tou pou w aplike pou Swen fanmi dakèy pou adilt, paske PCA sèlman fè kèk travay espesifik pou peryòd tan tou kout
  - Pou moun ki toujou bezwen èd pandan tout nwit la (sètadi ki gen yon tib respiratwa, oswa ki bezwen èd lè l ap pipi oswa pou pou akòz yon pwoblèm pwostat), yon PCA pou lannwit ta ka yon posibilite



Sous finansman yo :

Lòt "lojman a pri abòdab"

## Other affordable housing

- Private affordable housing
  - Certain housing developers are required to offer affordable units due to tax credit deals or funding they received from MassHousing
  - Some units are reserved for clients of DDS and DMH
  - While cheaper than market rate, private affordable housing is generally not affordable to individuals living on SSI if the project is not participating in the project-based Sec. 8 program.
- State elderly housing
  - 13.5% of beds reserved for younger persons with disabilities
- MRVP and AHVP
  - These programs are similar to Sec.8, but run by the state. Frequently, the waiting lists are closed. More information is available at:  
<http://www.mass.gov/hed/housing/rental-assistance/mrv.html> and  
<http://www.mass.gov/hed/housing/rental-assistance/ahvp.html>

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## Lòt lojman a pri abòdab

- Lojman prive a pri abòdab
  - Yo egzije sèten pwomotè imobilye pou yo ofri lojman a pri abòdab an fonksyon akò swa pou yo pa peye kèk taks oswa finansman yo te resevwa nan men MassHousing
  - Gen kèk apatman ki rezève pou kliyan DDS ak DMH yo
  - Malgre li pi bon mache pase pri kay yo sou mache a, lojman prive a pri abòdab jeneralman pa abòdab pou moun k ap resevwa lajan nan SSI si rezidans yo pa patisipe nan pwogram Sec. 8 ki pou yon lojman espesifik.
- Lojman pou moun aje nan eta a
  - 13,5% nan kabann yo rezève pou moun ki pi jèn ki gen andikap
- MRVP ak AHVP
  - Pwogram sa yo sanble ak Sec.8, men se eta a k ap jere yo. Souvan, lis datant yo fèmen. W ap jwenn plis enfòmasyon nan : <http://www.mass.gov/hed/housing/rental-assistance/mrv.html> ak <http://www.mass.gov/hed/housing/rental-assistance/ahvp.html>

## Other affordable housing (2)

- Affordable assisted living
  - The Mass. assisted living statute applies to those 22 and up with a disability
  - Individual may be eligible for SSI-G, which pays more, but cannot be combined with Sec. 8
- Single room occupancy is run by Caritas Communities. Homes are located on mass transit, and rent is generally about \$145 per week. A supervisor may be present.
- AHP's Housing Opportunities Available page has links to affordable and subsidized housing search engines:

<http://autismhousingpathways.org/services/housing-opportunities/#AffordableHousing>

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## Lòt lojman a pri abòdab (2)

- Rezidans a pri abòdab pou moun ki depandan
  - Lalwa sou rezidans pou moun ki depandan nan Massachusetts aplike a moun ki gen 22 an oswa plis yo ki gen yon andikap
  - Moun ka kalifye pou SSI-G, ki peye plis, men li pa ka konbine avèk Sec. 8
- Se Caritas Communities k ap jere lokasyon yon grenn chanm yo. Kay yo plase nan zòn transpò piblik, epi lwaye a jeneralman apeprè 145 \$ pa semèn. Yon sipèvizè ka prezan.
- Paj disponib Opòtinite pou lojman (Housing Opportunities) AHP a gen lyen k ap voye w sou sit entènèt k ap chache lojman a pri abòdab ak lojman ki jwenn sibvansyon :

<http://autismhousingpathways.org/services/housing-opportunities/#AffordableHousing>

## Other affordable housing (3)

- Rest homes

- While rather institutional, for some it may be a viable alternative to homelessness
- Unlike a nursing home, there are no restrictions on coming and going
- The Somerville Home is open to individuals 50 and over who need assistance with one or more activities of daily living
- Individual retains \$72.80/mo of SSI or EAEDC<sup>4</sup> check, turns the rest over to the rest home, and the balance of costs are paid by MassHealth.
- Private pay costs apply to those not on SSI or EAEDC.

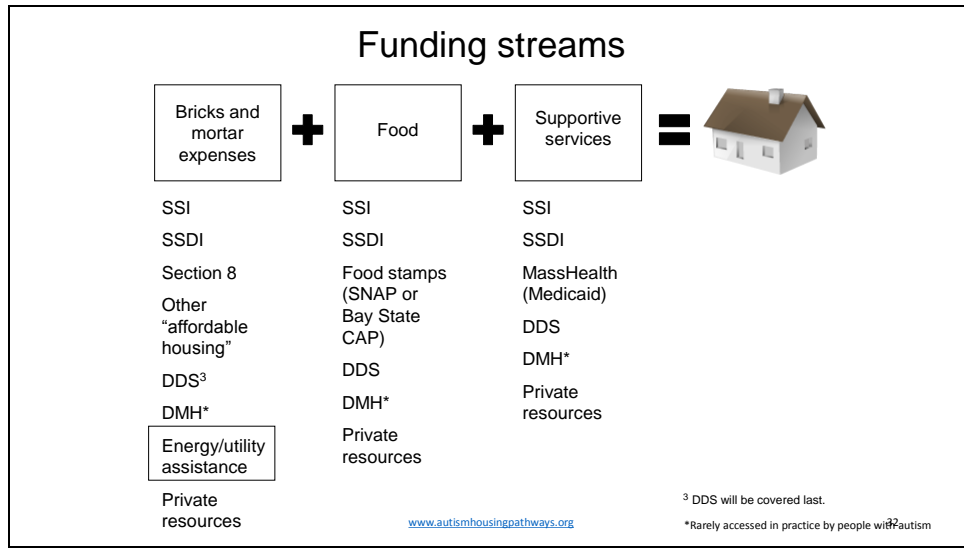
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## Lòt lojman a pri abòdab (3)

- Mezon pou repo

- Malgre yo konsidere yo kòm lojman enstitisyonèl, pou kèk moun se yon altènatif pratik pou sanzabri yo
- Kontrèman a yon mezon retrèt (nursing home), pa gen restriksyon pou rezidan an fè ale tounen
- Somerville Home nan disponib pou moun ki 50 an ak pi gran ki bezwen èd pou yo fè youn oswa plis nan aktivite nan lavi kotidyèn yo.
- Moun nan kenbe 72,80 \$ pa mwa nan chèk SSI oswa EAEDC<sup>4</sup> li a, bay mezon pou repo a rès la, epi MassHealth peye balans depans yo.
- Yo aplike depans pou salè prive pou moun ki pap touche chèk SSI oswa EAEDC.



Sous finansman yo :

Èd nan domèn enèji / sèvis piblik (elektrisite, gaz, elatriye)

Se pou DDS<sup>3</sup> y ap peye an dènye



## Energy/utility assistance

- Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
  - Only if heat is not included in rent
    - LIHEAP payment goes directly to heating company (up to a cap set annually)
  - OR rent is more than 30% of income (an option before Section 8 kicks in)
    - LIHEAP pays portion of rent (up to 30%/month up to a cap set annually)
- Citizen's Energy (Call JOE-4-OIL) and Distrigas heat assistance
  - After exhaust LIHEAP for the year
  - Voucher for one delivery of 100 gallons of home heating oil or \$150 natural gas credit
- Weatherization Assistance Program
  - Free weatherization for recipients of SSI or of LIHEAP
- Gas and electric subsidies<sup>4</sup>
  - 20%-40% discount
- Telephone subsidies<sup>5</sup>
  - A discount on local landline calls OR
  - Free cell phone with set number of minutes per month

<sup>4 and 5</sup> Bill must be in name of SSI recipient.

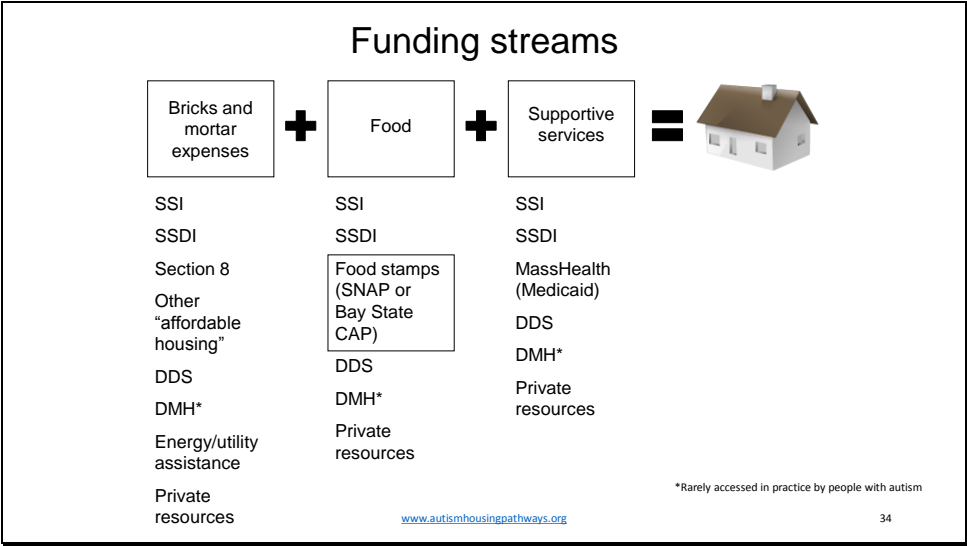
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## Èd nan domèn enèji / sèvis piblik (elektrisite, gaz, elatriye)

- Pwogram èd pou enèji lakay pou moun ki gen revni ba [Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)]
  - Sèlman si chofaj la pa enkli nan lwaye a
    - Peyman LIHEAP la ale dirèkteman nan konpayi chofaj la (jiska yon limit yo fikse chak ane)
  - OSWA si lwaye a plis pase 30% revni an (yon opsyon anvan Section 8 antre an vigè)
    - LIHEAP ap peye yon pòsyon nan lwaye a (jiska 30% pa mwa jiska yon limit yo fikse chak ane)
- Citizen's Energy (Rele JOE-4-OIL) ak èd pou chofaj Distrigas la
  - Apre w fin itilize resous LIHEAP la pou ane a
  - Bon pou yon livrezon 100 galon lwil chofaj kay oswa yon kredi 150 \$ pou gaz natirèl
- Pwogram èd pou pwoteksyon kont entanperi
  - Pwoteksyon gratis kont entanperi pou moun k ap resevwa SSI oswa LIHEAP yo
- Sibvansyon pou gaz ak elektrisite<sup>4</sup>
  - rabè 20% -40%
- Sibvansyon pou telefòn<sup>5</sup>
  - Yon rabè sou apèl lokal nan telefòn fiks OSWA
  - Telefòn selilè gratis ak yon kantite minit yo fikse pa mwa

<sup>4 ak 5</sup> Bòdwo a dwe sou non moun k ap resevwa SSI la.



Sous finansman yo :

Koupon alimantè [Food stamps (SNAP oswa Bay State CAP)]

## Food stamps

- Two kinds of food stamp programs:
  - SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)
    - Pays \$200, less 30% net income (usually about \$100/month)
  - Bay State CAP (Combined Application Project)
    - Apply for when you apply for SSI, or can apply at the Social Security office if already receiving SSI
    - May pay more than SNAP (up to about \$150/mo)
    - Must buy and prepare food separately from others in household who don't get food stamps
    - Must have no earned income when you apply
    - May be better off with SNAP if
      - Your medical expenses exceed \$35/mo
      - You pay heating/cooling separately from rent
- Because of program constraints, not usually an option before 22 unless living independently

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## Koupon alimentè

- Gen de tip pwogram koupon alimentè :
  - SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) (Pwogram èd siplemantè pou nitrisyon)
    - Peye 200 \$, mwens 30% revni brit (an jeneral apeprè 100 \$ pa mwa)
  - Bay State CAP (Combined Application Project) (Pwojè Aplikasyon Konbine)
    - Aplike pou li lè w ap aplike pou SSI, oswa w ka aplike nan biwo Sekirite Sosyal la si w gentan ap resevwa SSI
    - Li ka peye plis pase SNAP (jiska apeprè 150 \$ pa mwa)
    - Ou dwe achte ak prepare manje apa de lòt moun nan kay yo ki pa gen koupon alimentè
    - Ou pa dwe gen revni nan travay ou lè w aplike a
    - SNAP ka pi bon pou ou si
      - Depans medikal ou yo depase 35 \$ pa mwa
      - Ou peye chofaj / lè kondisyone apa de lwaye a
- Akoz kontrent ki genyen nan pwogram nan, an jeneral chwa sa a pa disponib anvan 22 an sof si w ap viv poukont ou

## Housing program by immigration status

(Source: Mass. Law Reform Institute)

Status	State housing for families	State elderly/disabled housing	State-funded multi-family housing	MRVP and AHVP portable vouchers	Federal housing programs that permit immigrant applicants*	Other federal programs, including Section 8
US Citizen	eligible	eligible	eligible	eligible	eligible	eligible
Lawful permanent residents ("green card" holders)	eligible	eligible	eligible	eligible	eligible	eligible
Other "eligible non-citizens"+	eligible	eligible	eligible	eligible	eligible	eligible
All other immigration statuses, included undocumented	eligible	eligible	eligible	eligible	eligible	no

\* Some federal multifamily buildings; Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA); McKinney Homeless Programs (except for the McKinney Section 8 moderate rehabilitation program); Shelter Plus Care; Supportive Housing; HOME Rental Assistance; Low Income Housing Tax Credit properties (unless there are other housing program rules for the property to which immigration restrictions may apply)

+ A registry immigrant (admitted for permanent residence by the U.S. Attorney General and eligible for citizenship); a refugee or an asylee; a conditional entrant; a parolee; a withholding grantee; a person granted 1986 amnesty status; a resident of the Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Palau, or Guam; a victim of trafficking or relatives of such a victim; VAWA (Violence Against Women Act) Self Petitioners

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## Pwogram lojman selon estati imigrasyon

(Sous : Mass. Law Reform Institute) (Enstiti pou Refòm Lalwa Massachusetts)

**Sitwayen ameriken yo kalifye pou :** lojman eta a genyen pou fanmi yo ; lojman eta a genyen pou moun aje / ki gen andikap yo ; lojman ki gen plizyè apatman ki jwenn finansman nan eta a ; bon pòtab MRVP ak AHVP ; pwogram lojman federal k ap pran aplikan imigran yo\* ; lòt pwogram federal, tankou Section 8.

**Rezidan pèmanan legal (moun ki gen "kat vèt") yo kalifye pou :** tout bagay anwo yo.

**Lòt moun "ki pa sitwayen ameriken yo men ki kalifye pou li"+ kalifye pou :** tout bagay anwo yo.

**Lòt estati imigrasyon yo, tankou moun ki pa gen papyè yo, kalifye pou :** tout bagay anwo yo EKSEPTÈ lòt pwogram federal yo, tankou Section 8.

\* Kèk bilding federal ki gen plizyè apatman ; Opòtinite pou lojman pou moun ki gen SIDA [Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)] ; Pwogram pou moun ki sanzabri McKinney [McKinney Homeless Programs (eksepte pwogram readaptasyon modere Section 8 McKinney an)] yo ; Swen pou lojman ak lòt bagay (Shelter Plus Care) ; Lojman ki bay sèvis soutyen ; Èd nan lwaye kay ; Kay ki bay kredi sou taks pou lojman pou moun ki gen revni ba (sòf si gen lòt règleman pou pwogram lojman an pou kay la ki ka gen restriksyon imigrasyon ki aplike a limenm).

+ Yon imigran ki enskri (Pwokirè jeneral la otorize antre Etazini pou l resevwa rezidans pèmanan epi ki kalifye pou l vin sitwayen ameriken) ; yon refijye oswa yon mou ki pran azil ; yon aplikan sou kondisyon ; yon moun ki an libète kondisyonèl ; yon moun yo akòde yon retansyon ; yon moun ki jwenn amnisti an 1986 ; yon rezidan Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Palau, oswa Guam ; yon moun yo te trafike oswa ki gen fanmi yo te trafike ; yon Oto-Petisyonè VAWA [Lalwa sou Vyolans kont Fanm (Violence Against Women Act)].

## Supportive services and cash benefits by immigration status

(Source: Mass. Law Reform Institute)

Status	DDS	MassHealth Standard*	CommonHealth*	SSI	SSDI	EAEDC	SNAP
US Citizen	eligible	eligible	eligible	eligible	eligible		eligible
Qualified resident AND not subject to a 5 year bar	eligible	eligible	eligible	may be eligible under certain conditions (see + below)	only if the individual has a SS# issued in 2004 or later authorizing work, has a B-1, D-1, or D-2 visa, and has paid into SSDI	eligible	eligible
Lawfully present (other than those covered in the previous line)	eligible	only pregnant women <200% FPL and children 1-20 <150% FPL	only disabled children (0-18) >150% FPL	may be eligible under certain conditions (see + below)	see above	eligible	children <18; disabled adults
Non-qualified PRUCOL	eligible	only pregnant women <200% FPL	only disabled children (0-18) OR disabled 19 & 20 year olds <150% FPL	no (unless receiving SSI or had pending application on 8/22/96)	see above	eligible	no (except certain battered immigrants, Cuban/ Haitian entrants, veterans in lawful status)
Undocumented	no	only pregnant women <200% FPL, or if on MassHealth since 1997	only if on MassHealth since 1997	no	no	no	no

\* To have AFC, GAFC, PCA, or day habilitation covered, one must be on MassHealth or CommonHealth

+ <http://www.ssa.gov/ssi/spotlights/spot-non-citizens.htm>

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## Sèvis soutyen ak alokasyon kach selon estati imigrasyon

(Sous : Mass. Law Reform Institute) (Enstiti pou Refòm Lalwa Massachusetts)

**Sitwayen ameriken :** Kalifye pou DDS, MassHealth Standard\*, CommonHealth\*, SSI, SSDI, SNAP

**Rezidan ki kalifye EPI ki pa sijè a yon peryòd datant 5 ane :** Kalifye pou DDS, MassHealth Standard\*, CommonHealth\*, SSI (ka kalifye dapre sèten kondisyon [gade "+" anba a]), SSDI (sèlman si moun nan gen yon # SS yo te ba li an 2004 oswa annapre ki te ba l otorizasyon pou l travay, li gen yon viza B-1, D-1, oswa D-2 viza, epi li te kontribye nan SSDI), EAEDC, SNAP

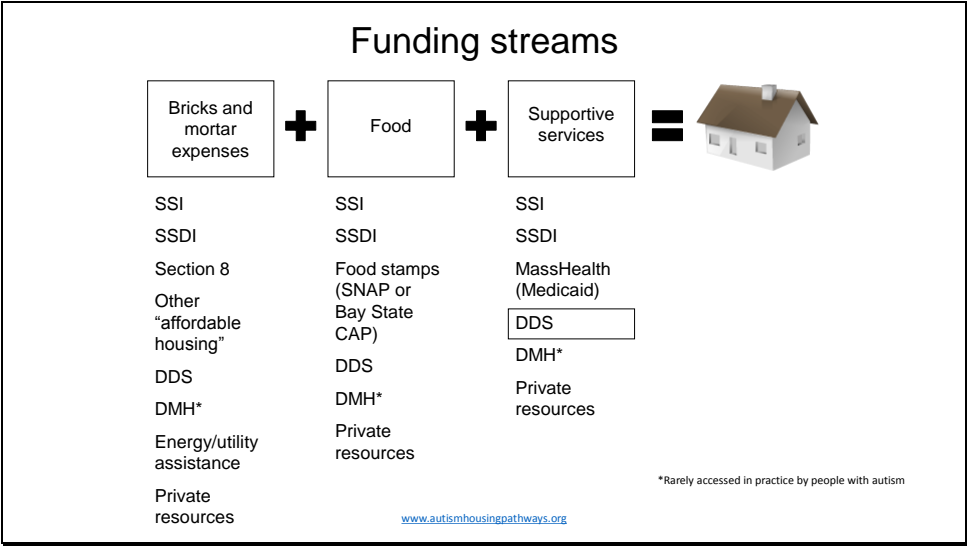
**Prezan legalman (apa estati yo te pale nan liy anvan an) :** Kalifye pou DDS, MassHealth Standard\* (sèlman fanm ansent < 200% nan limit povrete federal [Federal Poverty Limit (FPL) la ak timoun 1 a 20 an < 150% FPL), CommonHealth\* (sèlman timoun ki gen andikap [0 a 18 an] > 150% FPL), SSI (ka kalifye selon sèten kondisyon [gade "+" anba a]), SSDI (sèlman si moun nan gen yon # SS yo te ba li an 2004 oswa annapre ki te ba l otorizasyon pou l travay, li gen yon viza B-1, D-1, oswa D-2, epi li te kontribye nan SSDI), EAEDC, SNAP (sèlman timoun < 18 an, adilt ki gen andikap)

**PRUCOL ki pa kalifye :** Kalifye pou DDS, MassHealth Standard\* (sèlman fanm ansent < 200% FPL, CommonHealth\* (sèlman timoun ki gen andikap [0-18 an] OSWA moun ki gen 19 & 20 an ki gen andikap < 150% FPL), SSI (sèlman si y ap resevwa SSI oswa yo te gen yon aplikasyon an kou nan dat 22/08/1996, SSDI (sèlman si moun nan gen yon # SS yo te ba li an 2004 oswa annapre ki te ba l otorizasyon pou l travay, li gen yon viza B-1, D-1, oswa D-2, epi li te kontribye nan SSDI), EAEDC, SNAP (sèlman sèten imigran yo te bat, aplikan kiben / ayisyen, veteran ki gen estati legal)

**Moun ki pa gen papye :** Kalifye pou MassHealth Standard\* (sèlman fanm ansent < 200% FPL, oswa si moun nan gen MassHealth depi 1997, CommonHealth\* (sèlman si moun nan gen MassHealth depi 1997)

\* Pou yon moun jwenn AFC, GAFC, PCA, oswa pou yo peye pou sant pou abilitasyon pou li, li dwe gen MassHealth oswa CommonHealth

+ <http://www.ssa.gov/ssi/spotlights/spot-non-citizens.htm>



Sous finansman yo :

DDS

## What if I do get group home funding?

- Group home funding is based on rates created by Chapter 257\*
  - Per diem rates are based on program model (Basic, Intermediate, or Medical/Clinical), number of residents per house, and number of full time equivalent (FTE) direct care staff
    - Basic, 4 person house with 5.5 FTEs = \$249.39 per diem
    - Intermediate, 5 person with 12.7 FTEs = \$410.67 per diem
  - Most are offered an empty bed with funding attached to it (a “funded vacancy”) in an existing house
    - If a vacancy is a poor fit, ask to see other options, including in other DDS area offices
    - Be aware that turning down more than one placement may make it difficult to get a placement until something substantive changes in your family situation

\* <http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/docs/eohhs/eohhs-regs/101-cmr-420.pdf>

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## E si m jwenn finansman pou m al nan yon kay kote plizyè moun ki gen bezwen espesyal ret ansanm ?

- Finansman pou kay kote plizyè moun ki gen bezwen espesyal ret ansanm baze sou tarif yo Chapter 257 te kreye\*
  - Tarif pa jou yo baze sou modèl pwogram nan (modèl debaz, entèmedyè, oswa medikal / klinik), sou kantite rezidan ki nan yon kay, ak kantite anplwaye k ap travay a ekivalans plen tan [full time equivalent (FTE)] k ap okipe moun ki gen andikap
    - Modèl debaz, 4 moun nan yon kay ki gen 5,5 FTE = 249,39 \$ pa jou
    - Modèl entèmedyè, 5 moun nan yon kay ki gen 12,7 FTE = 410,67 \$ pa jou
- Yo ofri pifò ladan yo ofri yon chann vid yo peye pou li (yon "chanm vid ki resevwa finansman") nan yon kay ki egziste deja
  - Si yon chanm vid pa konvenab pou rezidan an, mande pou w wè lòt opsyon, tankou tcheke nan lòt biwo DDS ki nan lokalite a
  - Ou dwe konnen si w refize plis pase yon plasman pou moun ou an, sa ka rann li difisil pou w jwenn yon plasman jiskaske vin gen yon gwo chanjman nan sitiyasyon famiyal ou

\* <http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/docs/eohhs/eohhs-regs/101-cmr-420.pdf>

## What if I do get group home funding (2)?

- “Family-driven” housing
  - Some service providers give families more input into how a house is run, or work with families to create unique housing models
    - Example: a Chinese cultural home in West Roxbury
  - More likely to be newly opened homes
  - Since priority is not usually determined until shortly before turning 22, it is difficult to create a new out-of-the-box model at 22
    - May need to get into the system, then try to move around later

## E si m jwenn finansman pou m al nan yon kay kote plizyè moun ki gen bezwen espesyal ret ansanm (2) ?

- Lojman "familyal"
  - Gen kèk ajans k ap bay sèvis ki bay fanmi yo plis lalwa ochapit nan jan yo jere yon kay, oswa k ap travay ak fanmi yo pou yo kreye modèl lojman inik
    - Egzanp: yon mezon kiltirèl chinwa nan West Roxbury
  - Pi pwobab pou yo se lojman ki fèk louvri
  - Piske jeneralman yo pa detèmine priyorite pazavan yon tikras tan anvan moun nan gen 22 an, l ap difisil pou w kreye yon nouvo modèl ki tou prè pou moun itilize a 22 an
    - Ka bezwen antre nan sistèm nan, apre eseye deplase pi devan



## What if I do get group home funding (3)?

- Under a new policy\* DDS will not “license, fund or support new residential development” with any of the following characteristics:
  - Settings that have limited, if any, interaction with the broader community;
  - Settings that use or authorize restrictions that are used in institutional settings;
  - Farmsteads or disability-specific farm community;\*
  - Gated or secured communities for people with disabilities;
  - Settings that are part of or adjacent to a residential school;
  - Multiple settings co-located and operationally-related that congregate a large number of people with disabilities for significant shared programming and staff; and
  - Multiple settings on a single site or in close proximity

\* <http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/laws-regs/dds/policies/hcbs-policy-2014-1.pdf>

+ DDS is open to day programs involving farming and to a shared living situation on a farm, provided the person does not live on the farm where they spend their day.

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## E si m jwenn finansman pou m al nan yon kay kote plizyè moun ki gen bezwen espesyal ret ansanm (3) ?

- Dapre yon nouvo règleman\*, DDS pap "bay lisans, finansse oswa soutni nouvo lojman rezidansyèl" ki gen nenpòt nan karakteristik sa yo :
  - Rezidans ki gen entèraksyon limite, si genyen, ak kominote a nan yon sans ki pi laj ;
  - Rezidans ki itilize oswa otorize restriksyon yo itilize nan rezidans enstitisyonèl ;
  - Fèm (Farmsteads) oswa kominote agrikòl ki espesifik pou moun andikape ;
  - Mezon kominotè ki klotire oswa an sekirite pou moun ki gen andikap ;
  - Rezidans ki fè pati oswa adjasan a yon lekòl rezidansyèl ;
  - Plizyè rezidans ki yon sèl kote epi ki gen relasyon nan fonksyonman operasyonèl yo ki rasanble yon pakèt moun ki gen andikap pou yo ka fè prèske menm pwogram yo pou yo anba sipèvizyon prèske menm anplwaye ; ak
  - Plizyè rezidans ki nan menm lokal oswa ki tou kole

\* <http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/laws-regs/dds/policies/hcbs-policy-2014-1.pdf>

+ DDS aksepte sant ki bay moun ki gen andikap yo sèvis ki enplike agrikilti. Li aksepte tou lojman an komen nan yon fèm, depi moun nan pa abite nan fèm kote l pase jounen an.

## DDS – Waivers

- An individual receiving services as an adult from DDS may apply for a waiver. The waiver is, technically, waiving the right to receive Medicaid services in an institution (e.g. Fernald), and opting to receive services in the community instead. Participants must be on MassHealth, and meet specific MassHealth waiver requirements.
- The state receives 50 cents back from Medicaid for every dollar it spends on waiver participants.
- The dollar value of services received under a waiver may be capped, as may the number of waivers available. When a waiver is full, someone must give up a waiver for someone else to get it.

## DDS – Egzonerasyon

- Yon moun k ap resevwa sèvis nan DDS kòm yon adilt ka aplike pou yon egzonerasyon. Egzonerasyon an, teknikman, anile dwa pou moun nan resevwa sèvis Medicaid nan yon enstitisyon (tankou Fernald), ak chwazi pou resevwa sèvis nan kominote a pito. Patisipan yo dwe gen MassHealth, epi yo dwe reponn a egzijans egzonerasyon espesifik MassHealth yo.
- Eta a resevwa 50 santim an retou nan men Medicaid pou chak yon dola l depanse pou patisipan ki jwenn egzonerasyon yo.
- Ka gen yon limit maksimòm yo pa ka depase pou kantite lajan w ap peye pou sèvis ou resevwa anba yon egzonerasyon, menm jan l ka ye pou kantite egzonerasyon ki disponib yo. Lè yon egzonerasyon plen, yon moun dwe abandone yon egzonerasyon pou yon lòt moun ka jwenn li.

## DDS – Waivers (2)

- 3 types:

- Intensive supports: need 24 hour supervision. May not be combined with GAFC, AFC, PCA. 8,970 served in 2014-15; no dollar cap.
- Community living: need extensive supports to live on one's own or with family, but do not need 24 hour supervision. May not be combined with GAFC, AFC, PCA . 2,197 served in 2014-15; \$70,000 cap (in 2016).
- Adult supports: minimal supports needed; may be combined with GAFC, AFC, PCA. 2,893 served in 2014-15; \$40,000 cap (in 2016).

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## DDS – Egzonerasyon (2)

- 3 tip :

- Soutyen entansif : bezwen sipèvizyon 24 èdtan pa jou. Pa ka konbine avèk GAFC, AFC, PCA. Yo te bay 8.970 moun sèvis an 2014-15 ; pa gen yon limit lajan maksimòm.
- Lavi an kominote : bezwen anpil soutyen pou moun nan viv poukont li oswa avèk fanmi, men l pa bezwen sipèvizyon 24 èdtan pa jou. Pa ka konbine avèk GAFC, AFC, PCA. Yo te bay 2.197 sèvis an 2014-15 ; limit lajan maksimòm : 70.000 \$ (an 2016).
- Soutyen pou adilt : soutyen minim nesèsè ; ka konbine avèk GAFC, AFC, PCA. Yo te bay 2.893 sèvis an 2014-15 ; limit lajan maksimòm : 40.000 \$ (an 2016).

## DDS – Waivers (3)

- Waiver services may be delivered in one of three ways:
  - Traditional service provider
  - Agency with choice
  - Fiscal intermediary
- Waivers services are portable; you may ask to change providers at any time.
- A waiver brief may be found at:  
<http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/docs/dmr/hcsis/hcbs-brief.pdf>
- A comprehensive waiver programs guide may be found at:  
<http://tinyurl.com/yakm2waf>

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## DDS – Egzonerasyon (3)

- Yo ka delivre sèvis egzonerasyon yo nan youn nan twa fason yo :
  - Moun k ap bay sèvis tradisyonèl
  - Ajans ak chwa
  - Entèmedyè fiskal
- Sèvis egzonerasyon yo pòtab ; ou ka mande chanje moun k ap ba w sèvis yo nenpòt lè.
- Ou ka jwenn yon rezime sou egzonerasyon an : <http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/docs/dmr/hcsis/hcbs-brief.pdf>
- Ou ka jwenn yon gid konplè sou pwogram egzonerasyon yo nan : <http://tinyurl.com/yakm2waf>

## DDS – self-direction

- DDS has a program that allows individuals to self-direct their services, the Participant-Directed Program (PDP)
  - Do not need to be on a waiver to participate
  - <http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/consumer/disability-services/services-by-type/intellectual-disability/self-directed-supports.html>

## DDS – oto-jesyon

- DDS gen yon pwogram ki pèmèt moun yo dirije pwòp sèvis yo. Li rele Pwogram patisipan an jere [Participant-Directed Program (PDP)]
  - Moun nan pa bezwen gen yon egzonerasyon pou l patisipe
  - <http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/consumer/disability-services/services-by-type/intellectual-disability/self-directed-supports.html>

## Developing a housing strategy: housing's effect on benefits

- Family provides a place to live without charging the individual (affects benefits)
- Family provides a place to live without charging fair share (affects benefits)
- Individual rents with help from family (affects benefits)
- Individual rents without family help (affects benefits)

## Devlope yon estrateji pou lojman : efè lojman an sou alokasyon yo

- Fanmi an bay moun nan yon kote pou l rete san l pa fè l peye (afekte alokasyon yo)
- Fanmi an bay moun nan yon kote pou l rete men l pa fè l peye kantite l ta dwe peye a (afekte alokasyon yo)
- Moun nan jwenn èd nan men fanmi l pou ede l peye lwaye (afekte alokasyon yo)
- Moun nan pa jwenn èd nan men fanmi l pou ede l peye lwaye (afekte alokasyon yo)

## Developing a housing strategy: possible ways to control or acquire property\*

- Rent, using a voucher
- Convert basement or garage
- Add on an accessory apartment
- Sell home and buy two condos
- Sell home and buy a two or three family
  - Third unit might be for rental income or maybe two families buy together
- Individual can (if income is high enough to qualify for a mortgage) enter a first-time homebuyer lottery
- Buy a condo or house (either alone or with other families)

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## Devlope yon estrateji pou lojman : mwayen posib pou kontwole oswa akeri yon pwopriyete\*

- Lwaye, lè w ap itilize yon bon
- Konvèti sousòl oswa garaj
- Ajoute yon apatman akseswa
- Vann kay la epi achte de apatman an ko-propryete (kondo)
- Vann kay la epi achte yon kay ki gen de oswa twa apatman
  - Twazyèm apatman an ta ka pou revni lwaye oswa petèt de fanmi achte ansanm
- Moun nan ka (si revni an wo ase pou l kalifye pou yon ipotèk) antre nan yon lotri pou moun k ap achte kay premye fwa
- Achte yon kondo oswa yon kay (swa poukont ou oswa avèk lòt fanmi)

\* Pa gen anyen la a ki konstitiye konsèy jiridik, sou finans oswa sou byen imobilye

## Some possible housing strategies (1)

- Liam
  - Applies for an apartment in state senior housing and gets in after 3 years
  - Uses Group Adult Foster Care to pay for two hours a day of services
- Ana
  - Her parents give her a fixed amount every month, which she combines with her own funds to get an apartment in private affordable housing

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## Kèk estrateji pou lojman ki posib (1)\*

- Liam
  - Aplike pou yon apatman nan rezidans pou granmoun eta a epi jwenn li apre 3 an
  - Itilize Swen dakèy pou plizyè adilt (Group Adult Foster Care) pou peye pou dezèdtan sèvis pa jou
- Ana
  - Paran l yo ba li yon kantite lajan fiks chak mwa. L ap konbine l ak pwòp lajan pa l pou l jwenn yon apatman nan lojman prive a pri abòdab

\* Pa gen anyen la a ki konstitiye konsèy jiridik, sou finans oswa sou byen imobilye



## Some possible housing strategies (2)

- Raj
  - Gets on the Section 8 waiting list at 18, and waits 10 years for a voucher
  - When Raj gets his voucher, his family uses a home equity loan to convert the garage to an apartment
  - Raj uses individual support hours from DDS

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## Kèk estrateji pou lojman ki posib (2)\*

- Raj
  - Enskri nan lis datant Section 8 la a 18 an, epi ret tann 10 ane pou l jwenn yon bon
  - Lè Raj jwenn bon an, fanmi l itilize yon prè sou valè kay yo pou konvèti garaj la an yon apatman
  - Raj itilize èdtan soutyen endividyèl DDS yo

\* Pa gen anyen la a ki konstitiye konsèy jiridik, sou finans oswa sou byen imobilye

## Some possible housing strategies (3)

- Bin
  - Gets on the Section 8 waiting list at 18, and waits 10 years for a voucher
  - While waiting, his mother is his Adult Family Care provider, and his father is his guardian
  - His mother saves some of the AFC stipend for 10 years, acquiring money for a security deposit, furniture, and appliances
  - When he gets his voucher, he moves into an apartment with two friends who also receive AFC
  - An Adult Foster Care provider moves in with Bin and his friends

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## Kèk estrateji pou lojman ki posib (3)\*

- Bin
  - Enskri nan lis datant Section 8 la a 18 an, epi ret tann 10 ane pou l jwenn yon bon
  - Pandan l ap tann nan, manman l se moun k ap ba l swen famiyal pou adilt (Adult Family Care) la, epi papa l se titè l
  - Manman l ekonomize yon pati nan gratifikasyon AFC a pandan 10 an. Sa pèmèt li gen lajan pou depo garanti, mèb, ak aparèy menaje pou kay
  - Lè l jwenn bon an, li soti al nan yon apatman ak de zanmi k ap resevwa AFC tou
  - Yon moun k ap bay swen fanmi dakèy pou adilt (Adult Foster Care) pral abite avèk Bin ak zanmi l yo

\* Pa gen anyen la a ki konstitiye konsèy jiridik, sou finans oswa sou byen imobilye

## Some possible housing strategies (4)

- Sue
  - Gets on the Section 8 waiting list at 18, and waits 10 years for a voucher
  - While waiting, her mother is her Adult Family Care provider, and her father is her guardian
  - Her mother saves the AFC stipend for 10 years, acquiring \$90,000 to use as a down payment
  - When she gets her voucher, her parents buy her a condo, and she uses the voucher to pay rent; her parents use the rent to pay the mortgage
  - An Adult Foster Care provider moves in with Sue
  - Sue's parents retire, and Sue moves onto SSDI, possibly increasing her income

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## Kèk estrateji pou lojman ki posib (4)\*

- Sue
  - Enskri nan lis datant Section 8 la a 18 an, epi ret tann 10 an pou l jwenn yon bon
  - Pandan l ap tann nan, manman l se moun k ap ba l Swen fanmiyal pou adilt (Adult Family Care) la, epi papa l se titè l
  - Manman l ekonomize gratifikasyon AFC a pandan 10 an. Sa pèmèt li gen 90.000 \$ pou l itilize kòm lajan depo
  - Lè l jwenn bon an, paran l yo achte yon kondò pou li, epi li itilize bon an pou l peye lwaye ; paran l yo itilize kòb lwaye a pou peye ipotèk la
  - Yon moun k ap bay Swen fanmi dakèy pou adilt (Adult Foster Care) pral abite avèk Sue
  - Paran Sue yo pran retrèt, epi Sue jwenn SSDI, sa petèt ogmante revni l

\* Pa gen anyen la a ki konstitiye konsèy jiridik, sou finans oswa sou byen imobilye

## Housing strategies should reflect a vision

- Person-centered planning
  - Method for your family member to plan a future based on their dreams
  - Relies on “circles of support” to carry out plans:
    - Circle 1: Those closest to the person
    - Circle 2: More distant friends and relatives
    - Circle 3: Acquaintances
    - Circle 4: People paid to be in their life
  - Ideally done with a facilitator, but some free tools are available:
    - “My interests, hopes, and dreams”: <http://pcp.sonoranucedd.fcm.arizona.edu/sites/pcp.sonoranucedd.fcm.arizona.edu/files/Preference%20Tool.pdf>
    - “Circles of support manual”: <http://bit.ly/2xBtLw0>
    - “One-page profiles”: <http://tinyurl.com/y79eyf3e>

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## Estrateji pou lojman yo ta dwe reflekte yon vizyon

- Planifikasyon ki santre sou moun nan
  - Metòd pou manm fanmi w nan pou l planifye yon avni ki baze sou rèv li yo
  - Konte sou "sèk soutyen yo" pou egzekite pwojè yo :
    - Sèk 1 : Moun ki pi pwòch moun nan
    - Sèk 2 : Zanmi ak fanmi pi lwen
    - Sèk 3 : Moun li konnen yo
    - Sèk 4 : Moun yo peye pou yo ka nan lavi moun nan
  - Ideyalman yo fè sa ak yon fasilitatè, men gen kèk zouti gratis ki disponib :
    - "Enterè, espwa, ak rèv mwen yo" : <http://pcp.sonoranucedd.fcm.arizona.edu/sites/pcp.sonoranucedd.fcm.arizona.edu/files/Preference%20Tool.pdf>
    - “Sèk soutyen manyèl” : <http://bit.ly/2xBtLw0>
    - “One-page profiles” (“Pwofil yon-paj”) : <http://tinyurl.com/y79eyf3e>

## Housing strategies should reflect a vision

- Letter of intent
  - Statement by parents/guardians of intent for the person's future
    - Nitty-gritty information (doctors, medications, medical history, location of life insurance policy, will, etc.)
    - Family member's likes, dislikes, favorite places/activities/videos, etc.
    - "Footprints for the Future", a letter of intent form is available from Emarc at <http://bit.ly/2ygcdr2>
  - A living document: update it regularly
- Tend your child's circle of support like you would tend a garden
  - Have dinner once a year and update everyone
  - Invite the person your child would rely on most when you're gone to attend an IEP or ISP meeting

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## Estrateji pou lojman yo ta dwe reflekte yon vizyon (2)

- Lèt entansyon
  - Deklarasyon entansyon paran / titè yo pou avni moun nan
    - Enfòmasyon detaye (doktè, medikaman, antesedan medikal, kote w gen polis asirans lavi, testaman, elatriye)
    - Sa manm fanmi an renmen, sa l pa renmen, kote / aktivite / videyo l pi renmen, elatriye
    - "Enprent pou lavni" ("Footprints for the Future"), gen yon fòmilè pou lèt entansyon ki disponib nan Emarc nan <http://bit.ly/2ygcdr2>
  - Yon dokiman sou lavi l : mete l ajou regilyèman
- Okipe w de sèk soutyen pitit ou a tankou w ta okipe w de yon jaden
  - Pran soupe ansanm yon fwa pa ane epi bay tout moun mizajou
  - Envite moun pitit ou a ta konte plis sou li a lè w pral nan yon reyinyon IEP oswa ISP

## How do I develop assets?\*

- Do your best to save; ask close family if they can help
- Financial planning
  - Don't save money in your family member's name: they can lose eligibility for government benefits
  - Consider an ABLÉ account – it's a way to save for your family member without hurting their eligibility for government benefits: go to <http://www.fidelity.com/able/attainable/overview>
  - Individual Development Account
    - A way your family member can save for a home, and get matching funds
    - Participants must work (part-time counts), not own a home, and have household income below 200% of the federal poverty limit
    - Learn more at <http://midascollab.org/our-work/building-assets#matched>
    - Make sure the IDA program knows if your family member is on SSI or MassHealth, as it affects where the matching funds can come from

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## Kòman pou m devlope byen yo ?\*

- Fè tout efò posib pou w fè ekonomi ; mande fanmi pwòch si yo ka ede
- Fè planifikasyon pou finans yo
  - Pa ekonomize lajan nan non manm fanmi w nan : li ka pèdi kalifikasyon l pou alokasyon gouvènman an
  - Konsidere yon kont ABLÉ – se yon mwayen pou ekonomize lajan pou manm fanmi w nan san w pa bloke kalifikasyon l pou alokasyon gouvènman an : ale nan <http://www.fidelity.com/able/attainable/overview>
  - Kont pou devlopman endividyèl
    - Yon fason pou manm fanmi w nan ka ekonomize pou yon kay, epi pou l resevwa menm fòs lajan an
    - Patisipan yo dwe travay (travay a tan pasyèl konte), li pa dwe gen yon kay, epi revni moun lakay li dwe pi ba pase 200% limit povrete federal la
    - Aprann plis nan <http://midascollab.org/our-work/building-assets#matched>
    - Asire w pwogram IDA a konnen si manm fanmi w nan gen SSI oswa MassHealth, paske l ap afekte kote lajan yo ba li ki menm fòs ak sa l ekonomize a prale

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## How do I develop assets? (2)\*

- If you are your family member's Adult Family Care provider, you might try to save some of the stipend
- Your family member might save earnings in an ABLE account
  - Full time students on SSI who work are allowed to earn more than usual, but they are not allowed to have more than \$2,000 in assets
  - Putting earnings in an ABLE account can allow a student to save for the future and still stay on SSI

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## Kòman pou m devlope byen yo ? (2)\*

- Si se ou k ap bay manm fanmi w nan Swen famiyal pou adilt (Adult Family Care) la, ou ta ka eseye ekonomize yon pati nan gratifikasyon an
- Manm fanmi w nan ta ka ekonomize revni yo nan yon kont ABLE
  - Elèv a plen tan ki gen SSI k ap travay yo gen dwa touche plis pase abityèlman, men yo pa gen dwa gen plis pase 2.000 \$ an byen
  - Mete revni yo nan yon kont ABLE ka pèmèt yon elèv ekonomize pou lavni epi l ap kontinye resevwa SSI

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## Why are living skills so important?

- A recent study showed living skills is the single most important predictor of success for adults with autism\*
- About 40% of people with autism won't qualify for AFC, GAFC, or PCA, and some won't qualify for individual supports from DDS
  - In these cases, the more living skills someone has, the cheaper it is to support them

\* <https://www.autismspeaks.org/science/science-news/autism-study-associates-self-care-skills-success-adulthood>  
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## Poukisa konpetans lavi yo se sèl prediktè siksè ki pi enpòtan pou adilt ki gen otis\* ?

- Yon etid resan te montre konpetans lavi yo se sèl prediktè siksè ki pi enpòtan pou adilt ki gen otis\*
- Apeprè 40% nan moun ki gen otis pap kalifye pou AFC, GAFC, oswa PCA, epi kèk ladan yo pap kalifye pou yo jwenn soutyen endividyèl nan men DDS
  - Nan ka sa yo, plis konpetans lavi yon moun gen, se plis li pap chè pou yo soutni l



## What skills does my family member need?

- The Adolescent Autonomy Checklist is a great way to find out what skills to work on
  - <http://tinyurl.com/j95sycy>
  - Includes cooking, cleaning, public transit, filling out an application, etc.
  - Get ideas for IEP goals
  - Have your family member pick goals they would like to work on
- “Skills for living” on the AHP website: <http://autismhousingpathways.org/links/#Skills>
  - Links to apps and websites to help teach living skills or coach someone through tasks
- Centers for Independent Living
  - These Centers can help young people gain skills they need
  - Mentors may be available to help teach skills
  - <http://www.ilru.org/projects/cil-net/cil-center-and-association-directory-results/MA>

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## Ki konpetans manm fanmi m nan bezwen ?

- Lis kontwòl otonomi pou adolesan an se yon bonjan mwayen pou chache konnen sou ki konpetans pou l travay
  - <http://tinyurl.com/j95sycy>
  - Li gen ladan l fè manje, fè netwayaj, pran transpò piblik, ranpli yon aplikasyon, elatriye
  - Pran opinyon pou objektif IEP yo
  - Fè manm fanmi w nan chwazi objektif yo ta renmen travay sou yo a
- "Konpetans lavi" yo sou sit entènèt AHP a : <http://autismhousingpathways.org/links/#Skills>
  - Lyen k ap mennen w sou aplikasyon ak sit entènèt pou ede anseye yon moun konpetans lavi yo oswa fòme l atravè aktivite
- Sant pou lavi otonòm
  - Sant sa yo ka ede jèn yo aprann konpetans yo bezwen yo
  - Ka gen titè ki disponib pou ede anseye konpetans yo
  - <http://www.ilru.org/projects/cil-net/cil-center-and-association-directory-results/MA>

## Where do I go from here?

- Work through the Turning 18 checklist
- Apply for housing
- Use "My Benefits Generator" to figure out the MassHealth supports for which your family member might be eligible: <http://mbg.neindex.org/>
- Develop a savings strategy
- Pursue options to improve your family member's skills
- Download a housing workbook for your family member to complete: <http://autismhousingpathways.net/autism-housing-pathways-issues-housing-workbooks/>
- Work with your child to identify their circles of support, and complete a person-centered planning workbook
- Need an easy way to remember what you learned today? Check out <http://autismhousingpathways.org/housing-in-a-months-worth-of-tweets/>

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## Kisa pou m fè kounye a ?

- Travay sou lis kontwòl Vin gen 18 an
- Aplike pou lojman
- Itilize "Inisyatè alokasyon m yo" ("My Benefits Generator") pou w ka wè pou ki soutyen MassHealth manm fanmi w nan ta ka kalifye : <http://mbg.neindex.org/>
- Devlope yon estrateji pou fè ekonomi
- Pouswiv chwa pou amelyore konpetans manm fanmi w nan
- Telechaje yon kaye egzèsis sou lojman pou manm fanmi w nan konplete : <http://autismhousingpathways.net/autism-housing-pathways-issues-housing-workbooks/>
- Travay ak pitit ou a pou w idantifye sèk soutyen l yo, epi konplete yon kaye egzèsis sou planifikasyon ki santre sou li
- Ou bezwen yon fason fasil pou sonje sa w te aprann jodi a ? Ale sou <http://autismhousingpathways.org/housing-in-a-months-worth-of-tweets/>

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