

Housing

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THEMES/CONCERNS

- Addressing and improving the housing needs of the aging, disabled population and those with Alzheimer's and dementia.
- General lack of funding for housing needs is becoming more critical.
- Current rules and regulation pose a barrier to improving the housing for the disabled.
- The iBudget handbook does not address the specific needs of the aged population.
- Lack of qualified staff and housing for the aged and individuals with forensic backgrounds.
- Planned residential communities for the developmentally disabled.
- Leases for SL clients – not client friendly, benefits the SL coach and the landlord.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Consider a universal design with homes for the disabled.
- Design a residential program for individuals with dementia and Alzheimer's.
- Pursue funding from the Florida Housing Finance Corporation.
- Engage the Legislature for more funding.
- Mini-waiver for the aging population and those with Alzheimer's.
- Consider home modifications in determining rate structures.
- Partner with Habitat for Humanity and other community resources.
- Organize support, internet surveys (grass root initiatives) for planned communities for the developmentally disabled.

FACTORS TO CONSIDER

- Current density requirements of the HCBS waiver are inconsistent with the planned community concept for DD clients.
- CMS would have to modify or relax the density requirements and redefine community.
- Weigh the pros and cons of changing iBudget or implementing a mini-waiver to improve housing.