

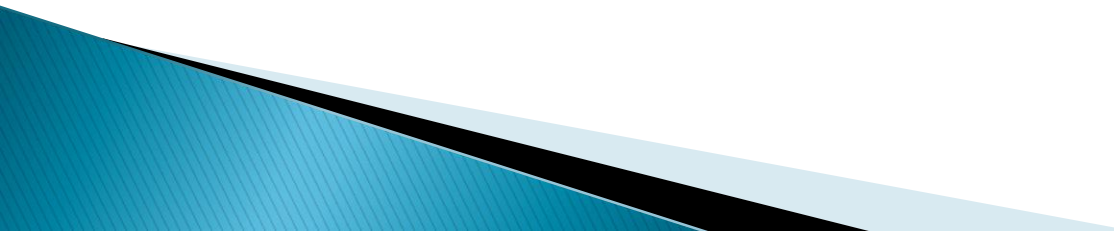
Shared Living The Possibilities are Endless

“There’s No Place Like Home”
Dorothy from “The Wizard of Oz”

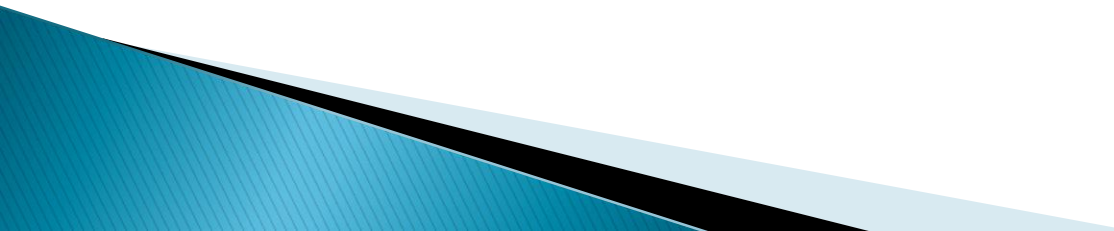
Where Individuals with Developmental Disabilities Live

- ▶ Institutions
 - ▶ Group Homes
 - ▶ Supported Apartments
 - ▶ Alternative Family Living (AFL)
 - ▶ With Family
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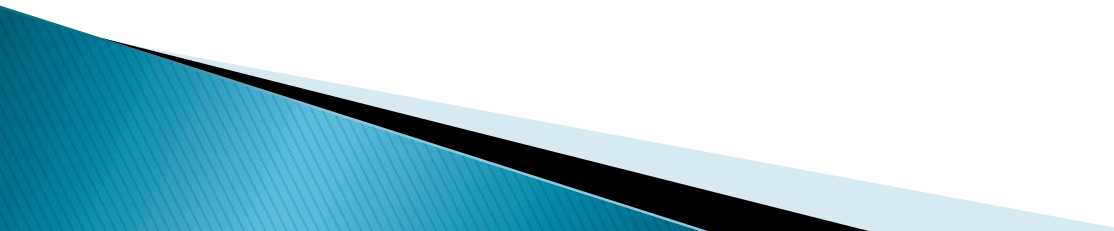
Historical focus of Residential Services for Individuals

- ▶ Based on Independence
 - ▶ Based on Medical Model of Care
 - ▶ Focus on What is Important For People including Health and Safety
 - ▶ Placement
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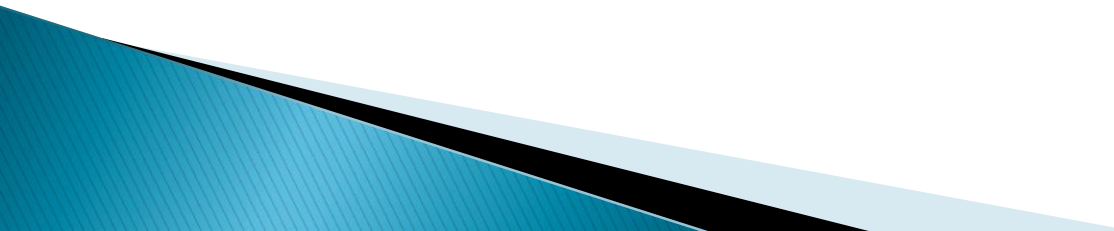
New Possibilities in Residential Services

- ▶ Person Centered – what does the individual need.
 - ▶ Focuses on what is important for people including health and safety and what is important to people including what is unique to the person.
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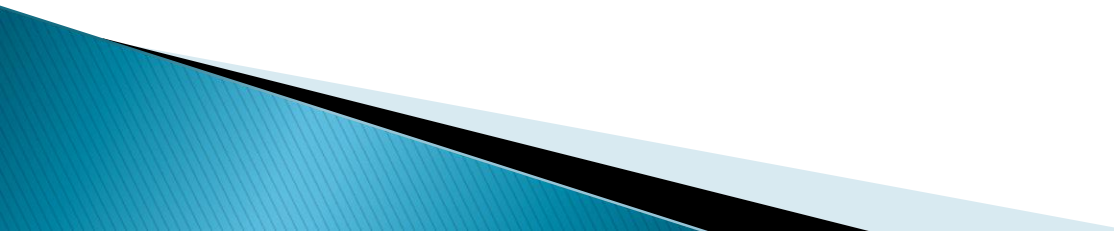
Shared Living

- ▶ Group Homes
 - ▶ Alternative Family Living
 - ▶ Live In Care Giver
 - ▶ Supported Housing
 - ▶ House
 - ▶ Condo
 - ▶ Apartment
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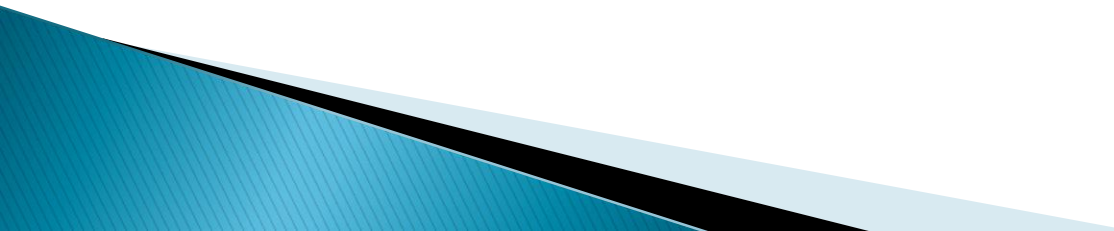
What Can Families Do?

- ▶ Tell your story.
 - ▶ There is nothing that isn't possible if it is important to the person.
 - ▶ Ask what kind of homes/services are provided.
 - ▶ Think about what the families, friends, communities can contribute.
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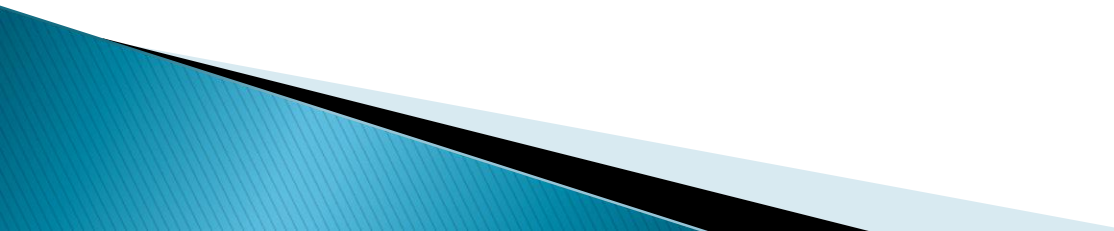
What is possible?

- ▶ Think in terms of support that your loved one needs not services.
 - ▶ Think in terms of what your community can provide.
 - ▶ Circles of Friends
 - ▶ Church
 - ▶ Neighbors
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What Can Provider's Do?

- ▶ Build the partnerships needed for success.
 - ▶ Be Creative
 - ▶ Listen to Stories
 - ▶ Develop supports for individuals instead of filling beds
 - ▶ Develop person centered approaches instead of “residential services”
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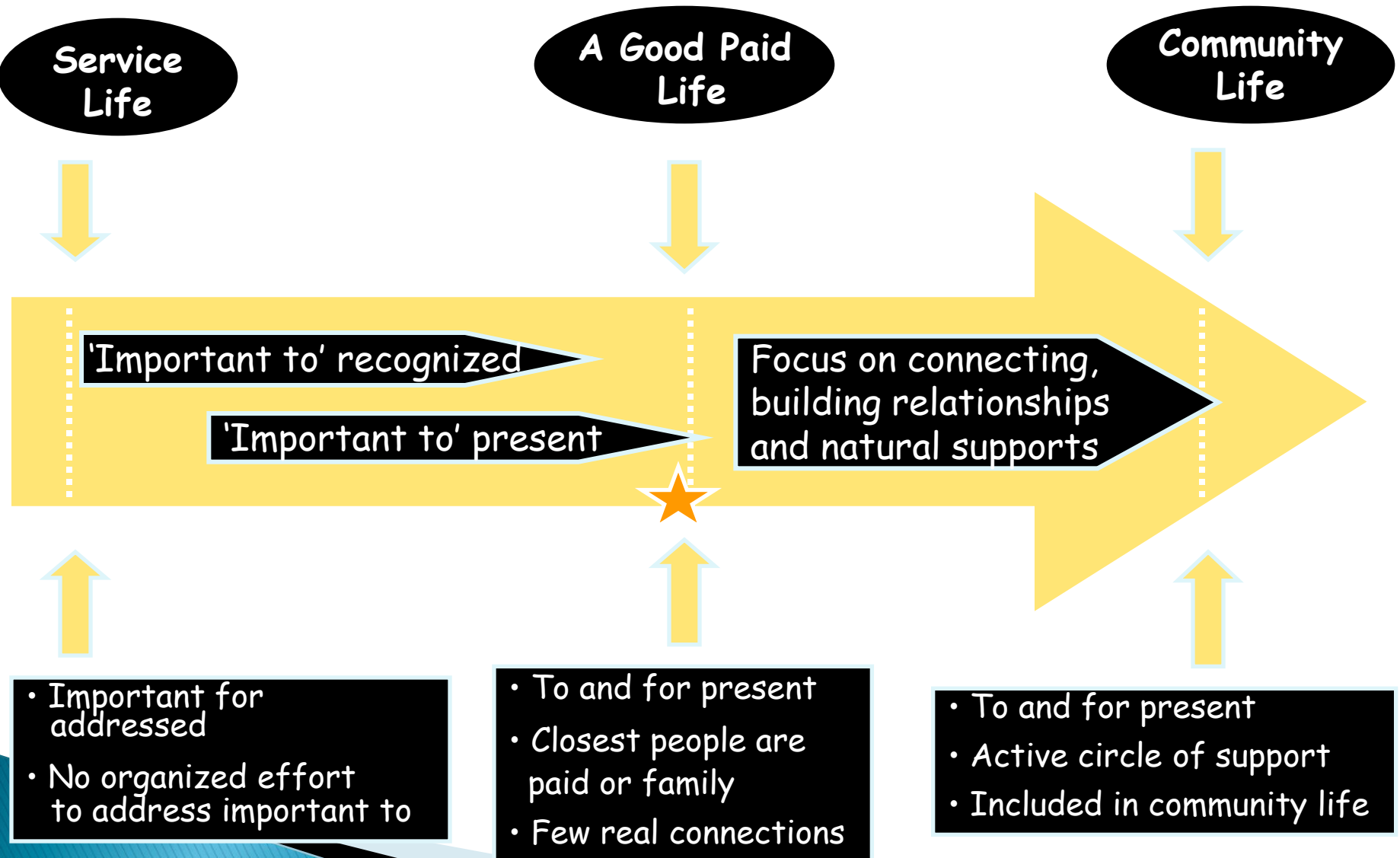
Capacity of Existing Providers

- ▶ If new capacity is needed from existing providers – is there qualified interest from existing providers to develop new services/supports?
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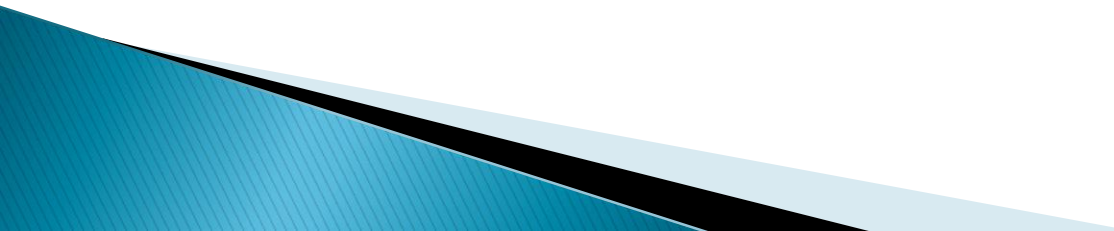
Building Capacity

- ▶ This is also an opportunity to promote and support system change. One of the drivers for both capacity development and system change is for those who need supports moving to have control over their resources and be able to “shop” for services.

Moving from Service Life to Community Life



Community Resources Available

- ▶ Affordable Housing
 - ▶ Volunteer Organizations
 - ▶ Advocacy Organizations
 - ▶ Community Service Organizations
 - ▶ Transportation Services
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