Conclusion

We hope this Resource Guide encourages creative thoughts about how individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities can live more independently despite low incomes, lack of traditional services and public entitlements. Resources, both housing and services, exist; finding them and using them productively is challenging. We hope you now have the tools to begin to navigate the complicated maze and achieve, now and in the future, the life you envision for your family member.

In many ways, securing supported housing for your loved one with I/DD is like blazing the trails of the Wild West where maps were unavailable: resources are scarce, rules and regulations are abundant and cumbersome, but the outcome will ultimately be worth the effort.

We are grateful for all who have shared their experiences, and hope that this Housing Resource Guide helps you identify and secure critical resources to find a place that you or your loved one can call home.