

GOING HOME

A FULL LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY

Advocacy Talking Points

The Going Home Coalition advocates for people

with intellectual/developmental disabilities (I/DD) to move back to homes in the community close to family and friends and the closing of state institutions.



- All people with intellectual/developmental disabilities can live in the community with supports and services, even if they need 24-hour care.
- Everyone must be able to choose where they want to live.
- Everyone must have a plan of supports and services before they move.
- People with I/DD, along with their families, must be at the center of the plan.
- A team of professionals must make sure the move is safe and successful.
- Everyone must have an advocate assigned to them to help guide and offer support, so that everyone is successful in the community.
- People who have moved from state institutions have said they have more freedom and are taking on new responsibilities such as budgeting, banking, and laundry.

There are approximately 1,662 people with I/DD living in state institutions in Illinois.

There are 7 fully-operational state institutions in Illinois.

Over 22,000 children and adults in Illinois are on a waiting list to get money for services.

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