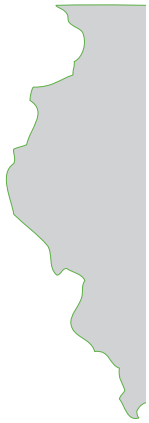


GOING HOME

A FULL LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY

Living in the community offers people with disabilities the opportunity to be productive and social, live close to family and friends and enjoy an overall improved quality of life. 14 states have closed all of their state-operated institutions and are now successfully serving those people in the community.



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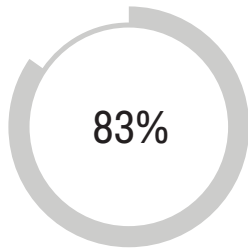
- Over 22,000 people with disabilities are on a waiting list for critical supports and services
 - Illinois is one of the most institutionalized states in the nation with 7 fully operational state facilities housing approximately 1,662 people
 - Illinois spends \$429 million a year on institutions
 - You can support 4.5 people in the community for what it costs to fund 1 person in an institution
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The Facts About Going Home to Live a Full Life in the Community

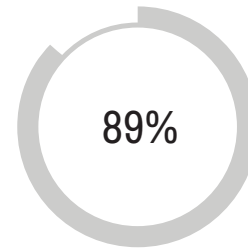
- Anyone can live in the community with the proper supports and services.
 - Customized support plans are developed that include an array of options, which may include 24-hour supervision and care, if needed.
 - People with disabilities choose where they want to live and can be closer to family and friends.
 - A comprehensive plan which identifies community based services and supports is developed before a person moves back to the community.
 - Each transition plan utilizes a customized person-center approach so people and their families have control over the planning process and, most of all, their own lives.
 - Each person is assigned an Individual Service Coordinator who will serve as the person's community advocate and partner throughout the process. The coordinator will continually assess their progress to ensure goals and needs are being met.
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Living in the Community Brings Families Closer Together

Research shows that family member attitudes change positively after people move back to the community



Initially, 83% of guardians surveyed were dissatisfied with Jacksonville Developmental Center Closure.



A year later, 89% of guardians felt their relative is either the same or better off because of the facility closure.

No respondents thought their loved one was significantly worse off.



Margaret lived in state institutions from the time she was 2 until she was 65. Since 2008 she has enjoyed CILA living. Margaret is profoundly developmentally disabled, but she receives support 24/7.

She loves her home, especially her own room and her kitchen where staff assist her with her special dietary needs. After a lifetime of institutional living, Margaret has made the transition to a life rich with real relationships and personal choice.



Eddie enjoys having his own room after moving from the Jacksonville Developmental Center into his new home. Eddie and his roommates plan to plant a garden this spring.

He appreciates the freedom to choose his activities and daily routine, including meals. He has also recently successfully quit smoking.