



Our Vision

INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES DESIGNING LIVES IN THE COMMUNITY OF THEIR CHOICE



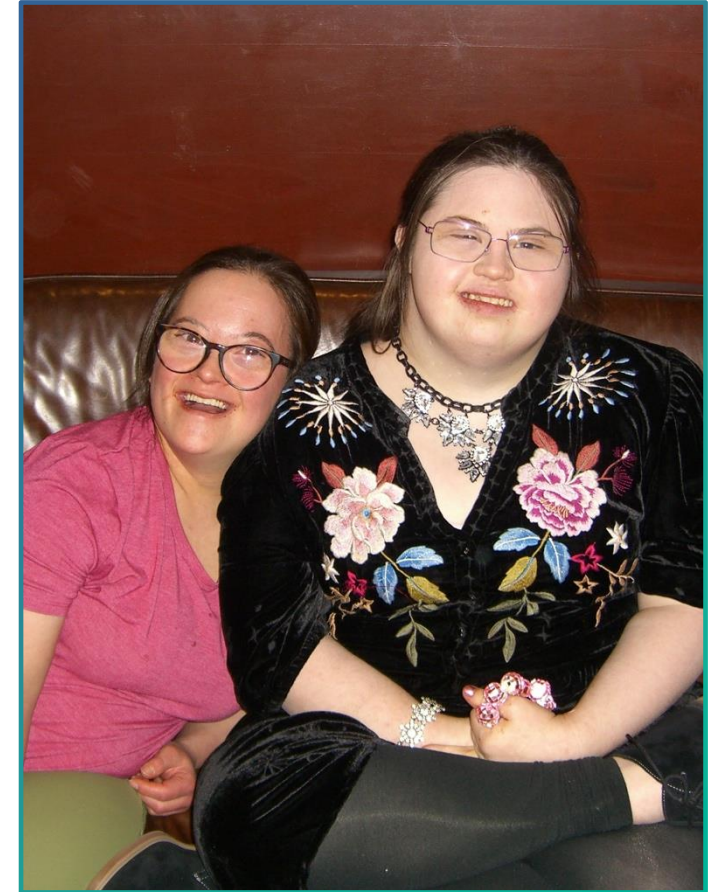
Our Mission

UNITING INDIVIDUAL AND FAMILY VOICES FOR EQUITY, DIGNITY AND CHOICE



ENGAGE IL

- Established in 2024
- Parent-driven coalition seeking to create a more flexible, person-centered model for living in the community.
- Current coalition membership is 800 +
- Presentations to inform families and allies on current facts, Deep Dive into state funding and grow the coalition.



FUNDING MODELS

Most Restrictive	Current DD Waiver Programs	More Progressive Model
• SODC □ State-Operated Developmental Center • ICF-DD □ Intermediate Care Facility Average cost \$350,000	• CILA □ 24 hour Average cost \$125,000 • I-CILA (intermittent) Range \$45,000 - \$72,000 • Home-Based Services Fixed stipend of \$35,784	• People shouldn't be forced into programs or a place • Support should be customized and based on a person-centered plan • Home may be individually or family-controlled rather than provider-owned

CHALLENGES WITHIN THE HOME-BASED MODEL

- HBS funding averages less than 30% of what the typical CILA resident receives
- Fixed rate of 3x SSI does not take into consideration the range of individual support needs
- Inadequate case management due in part to high ISC caseloads
- Parents frequently serve as PSWs, which is not sustainable as caregivers age
- No preparation for where individuals will live when they can no longer be at home

CHALLENGES WITHIN THE CILA MODEL

- Availability! Long wait times can exist to find an appropriate placement following PUNS selection.
- With 80% of people now choosing Home-Based over CILA, there will be far more individuals looking to transfer to CILA in the future
- Little choice of location and roommates
- Funding for Community Day Services is limited to only DHS-approved programs
- Inadequate case management hours result in reduced implementation of the person-centered plan

FUNDING MODELS



MORE PROGRESSIVE MODEL

- Empowers people to live independently in their own homes or apartments.
- Provides highly individualized, flexible, and person-centered assistance ranging from a few hours a week to 24/7 care
- Operates on the principles of **choice, self-direction, and community membership**, where the individual dictates how and where they want to live, with paid supports adapting to those preferences.



CORE COMPONENTS OF THE PROGRESSIVE MODEL



- **Housing:** Individuals can rent or own their homes rather than living in provider owned/controlled group homes.
- **Robust Case Management including:**
 - **Life Skills Assistance:** Support workers may help with daily tasks such as cooking, cleaning, budgeting, and personal hygiene.
 - **Community Integration:** Staff may assist with transportation, medical appointments, and building natural relationships in the neighborhood.
 - **Medical Oversight:** May help with medication management and health promotion.

SOMETHING TO REMEMBER ...

WAIVER FUNDING PAYS FOR SERVICES NOT THE HOUSE/HOME



- Housing costs are not covered by waiver funding.
- An individual's SSI/SSDI is intended to cover housing costs.
- Waiver funding can cover personal care, community engagement, household activities, transportation, etc.
- Individuals, families, and providers may need to be creative to find appropriate housing options.



ENGAGE IL IS WORKING TO CREATE CHANGE



Through Advocacy

- Currently working on a Collaborative Deep-Dive into CILA funding with Division of Developmental Disabilities

Through Coalition Building

- Hosting presentations across the state to share current information with families and enlist members in the coalition.

COLLABORATIVE DEEP DIVE INTO FUNDING IS UNDERWAY!



- A **Deep Dive into IL Waiver funding & access** is underway, in partnership with the **Division of Developmental Disabilities, Individual Advocacy Group (IAG)**, and **Engage IL** to convert two existing homes from Home-Based funding to I-CILA and 24-hour CILA.
- The study is exploring whether the existing CILA funding models align with a **more progressive person-centered model**.

WE ARE BUILDING A STRONG COALITION

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NAPERVILLE SCHOOLS SET THE TREND IN EDUCATION OF STUDENTS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES



- Naperville schools were the first in Illinois in the early 90's to embrace inclusive education for students with developmental disabilities.
- Families brought their loved ones to our community to access innovative strategies in educating these residents.
- Each year, approximately 44-55 young adults with developmental disabilities in Districts 203 and 204 begin seeking adult services ☐ including employment, day services, transportation, and housing.*



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* Data are estimates using 2024-25 enrollment and statewide disability percentages. Actual numbers may vary. Source: Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) 2024-25 enrollment; ISBE Special Education Data: Illinois Report Card; US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Affordable Housing Data; DuPage County Continuum of Care (2024)

STRONG PARENT VOICES ARE NEEDED

We need to advocate, with louder voices, for more progressive, community-based living options that yield evidence-based, positive outcomes.



HELP OUR NAPERVILLE STUDENTS MAKE THEIR HOME HERE.



Join Us



To support our mission to create more person-centered community living options, join Engage IL. Scan the QR code and add your name to our contact database.

You will receive updates and alerts as we all work together for better outcomes for our loved ones.



THANK YOU!