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## Julie V.

Julie Verdu is an expert in Supportive Housing. She lives in Supportive Housing and completed training to be a Supportive Housing Peer Ambassador!

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## Curtis

Curtis Harris is an advocate and activist! Curtis is a Chicagoland Autism Connection Board Member and is a Council Member for IL Council on Developmental Disabilities.

## Curtis

Tell everyone a little about yourself. What do you want everyone to know about you?



## Vincent S

Vincent Smith is an advocate and believes everyone has the right to live in the community! Vincent is a champion for accessible housing. Vincent is on the Pace Para Transit Advisory Committee and the Arc of Illinois Board. He is a former member of the Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities.



Illinois Self-  
Advocacy  
Alliance

“We want Illinois to create a disability service system where supports and services are controlled by us – the individuals who receive them.

**We want opportunities. We want freedom. We want choices.”**



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## Today's Time Together



Why are we here?



What is Supportive Housing?



Why We Love Our Apartments



How to Get Supportive Housing

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# Why are we here?

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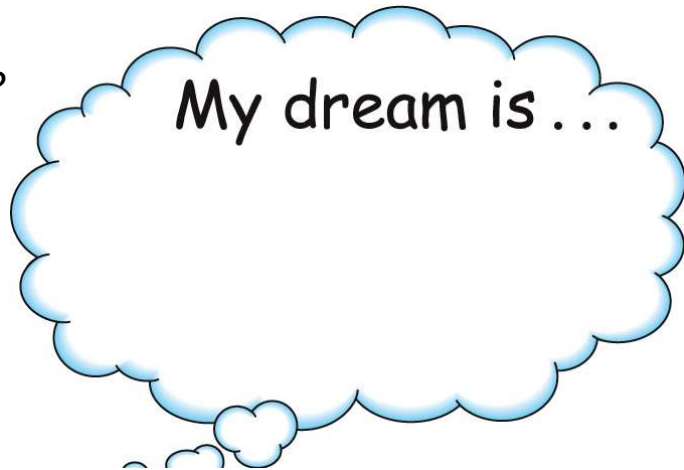
We are going to watch two videos about being in your own place!

## Housing Wishes and Dreams

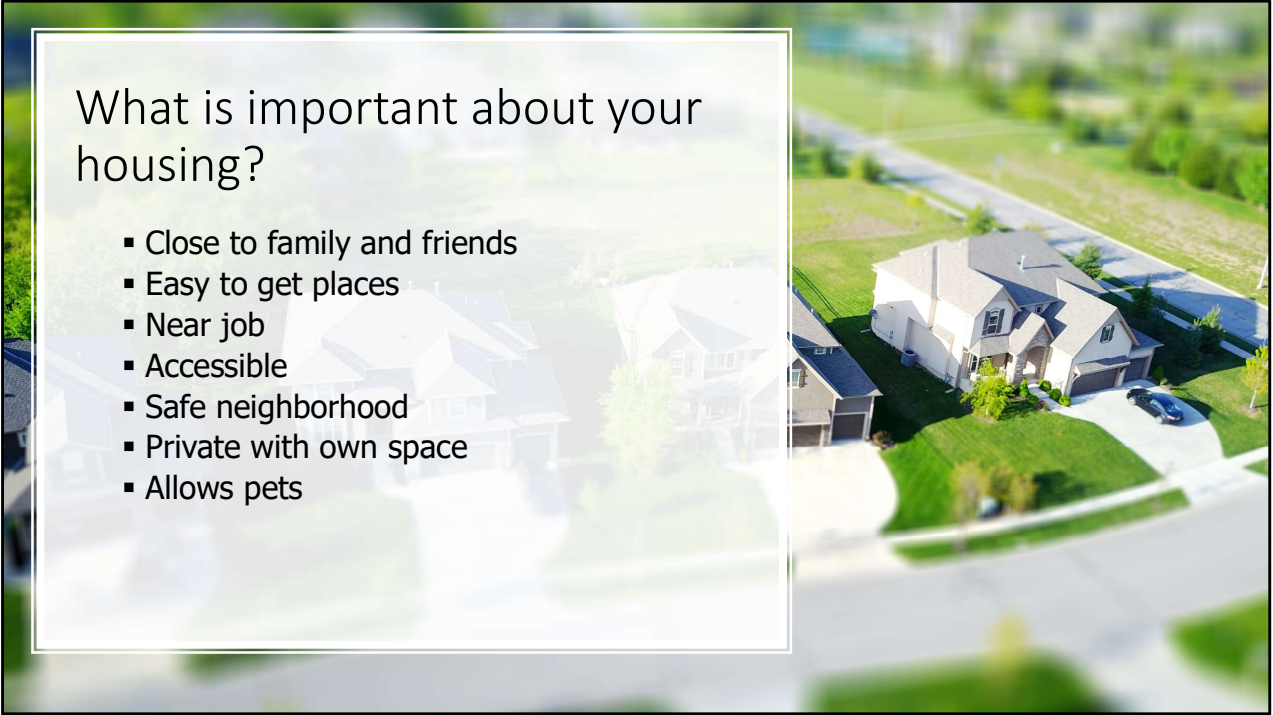
Where would you like to live?

What kind of place is it?

Who do you live with?



Curtis – Ask everyone to unmute and share their housing wishes and dreams



## What is important about your housing?

- Close to family and friends
- Easy to get places
- Near job
- Accessible
- Safe neighborhood
- Private with own space
- Allows pets

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CHOICE!

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SELF-ADVOCATES  
CHOOSE!

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NO ONE HAS TO GIVE UP  
ON A DREAM

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SOMETIMES IT TAKES  
TIME AND A LOT OF WORK

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# What are different housing choices?

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With someone you choose



With family/parents



With a group of people



By yourself

Curtis, will give everyone a chance to answer, the go to the answer slide

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Curtis will say the answer

## Who should get to choose where you live?



State Service System



Family/Parents



You!



Staff

Curtis will ask the question

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Family/Parents



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Staff

Curtis will answer

## IS THIS TRUE or FALSE?

1. Self Advocates must live in supportive housing

(✓ one)

<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>TRUE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>FALSE</b>
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Curtis will answer



# What is Supportive Housing?

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# This can be supportive housing



Vincent Starts Here!



And this can be  
supportive housing too!

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Vincent

## Supportive Housing is a home

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- Must have a lease and you can pay the rent
- In a neighborhood like anyone else
- Live alone or with someone you pick
- Must have services



Vincent

LEASE

1. I pay my rent on the 1st of the month.  

2. I will keep my house clean. I will not break things in my home.  

3. I will follow the rules in my building.   

4. My visitors must go home.   

By signing below , I am agreeing to follow the rules.

Signature:

## Must have a lease

- Sign a lease
- Must follow rules
- Can live there for a long time
- You can live alone or with someone you want to live with

Vincent



# Rent

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- Everyone must pay rent, and sometimes you have a subsidy to help afford the rent.
- Someone might have SSI or SSDI. Some people might work.
- They have to pay rent out of that check



Vincent



## Services and Support

- People might need help with reminders, bills, medicine, daily activities, transportation, following rules of the lease or keeping the apartment clean

Vincent

## How much does supportive housing cost?

(✓ one—1 box)

☐

none of my money

☐

some of my money

☐

all of my money

Vincent will ask the question

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Vincent will go over the answer

## People who have supportive housing:

	
can have a pet	must have staff 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
	
can come and go when they want	sign a lease
	
must go to workshop every day	

Vincent will ask the question

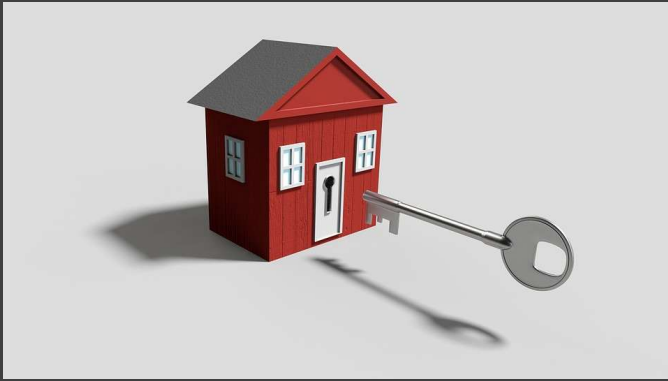
## People who have supportive housing:

The infographic is a light blue rectangle containing six items arranged in a 3x2 grid. Each item consists of a small square icon box, a descriptive text line, and a larger illustrative image or form.

- Top Left:** A small square box with a red checkmark. Below it is an icon of a black dog's head. The text "can have a pet" is centered below the icon.
- Top Right:** A small empty square box. Below it is a clock face icon with "24/7" in the center. The text "must have staff 24 hours a day, 7 days a week" is centered below the icon.
- Middle Left:** A small square box with a red checkmark. Below it is an icon of a red envelope and a key. The text "can come and ago when they want" is centered below the icon.
- Middle Right:** A small square box with a red checkmark. Below it is a screenshot of a "LEASE" form with four numbered rules and signature/date fields. The text "sign a lease" is centered below the icon.
- Bottom Left:** A small empty square box. Below it is an icon of a person running towards a yellow bus. The text "must go to workshop every day" is centered below the icon.

Vincent will go over the answers





## How to Get Supportive Housing

Vincent

## How to Get Supportive Housing

**Let people know you want supportive housing!**



Talk about it at all meetings about your goals and ask to have it written into your plan.

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## Who can you talk to?

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1. Family and Friends
2. Worker or case manager at Independent Service Coordination Agency (ISC)
3. Worker at your provider agency



Vincent

You can live in your  
own apartment with  
the right support

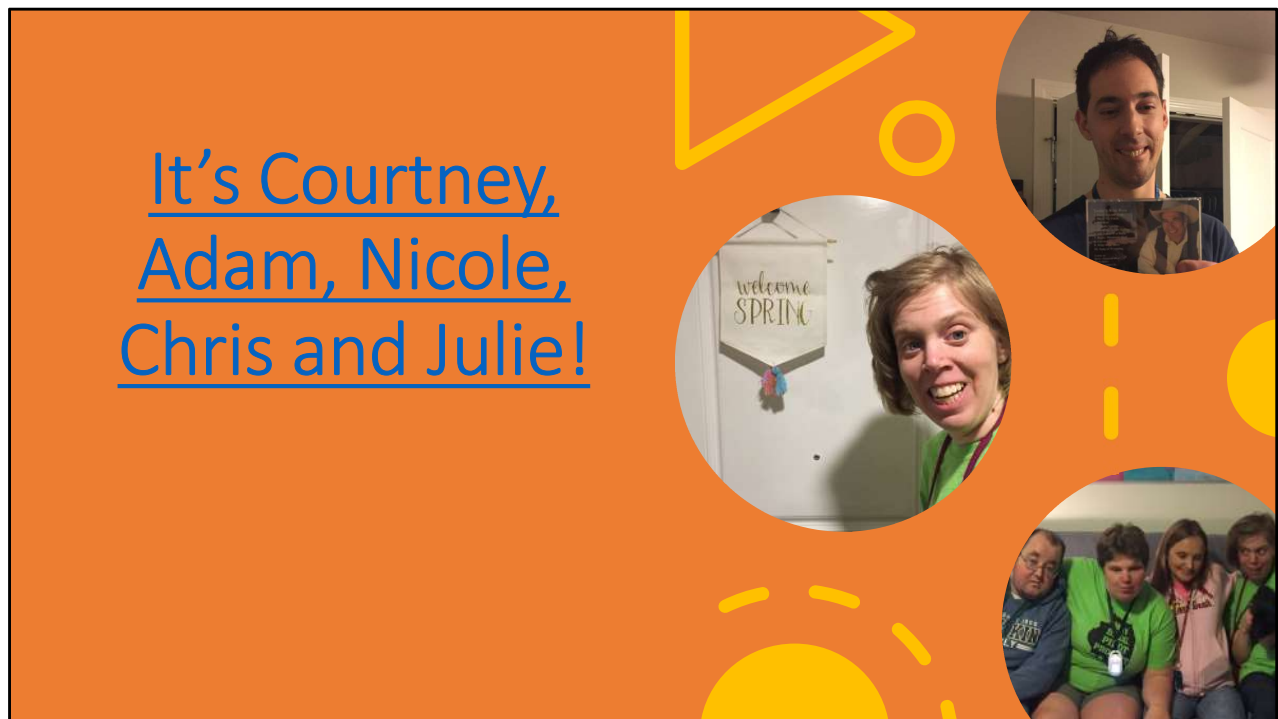
**We do!**



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Here is a video that Courtney, Adam, Nicole, and Chris made!

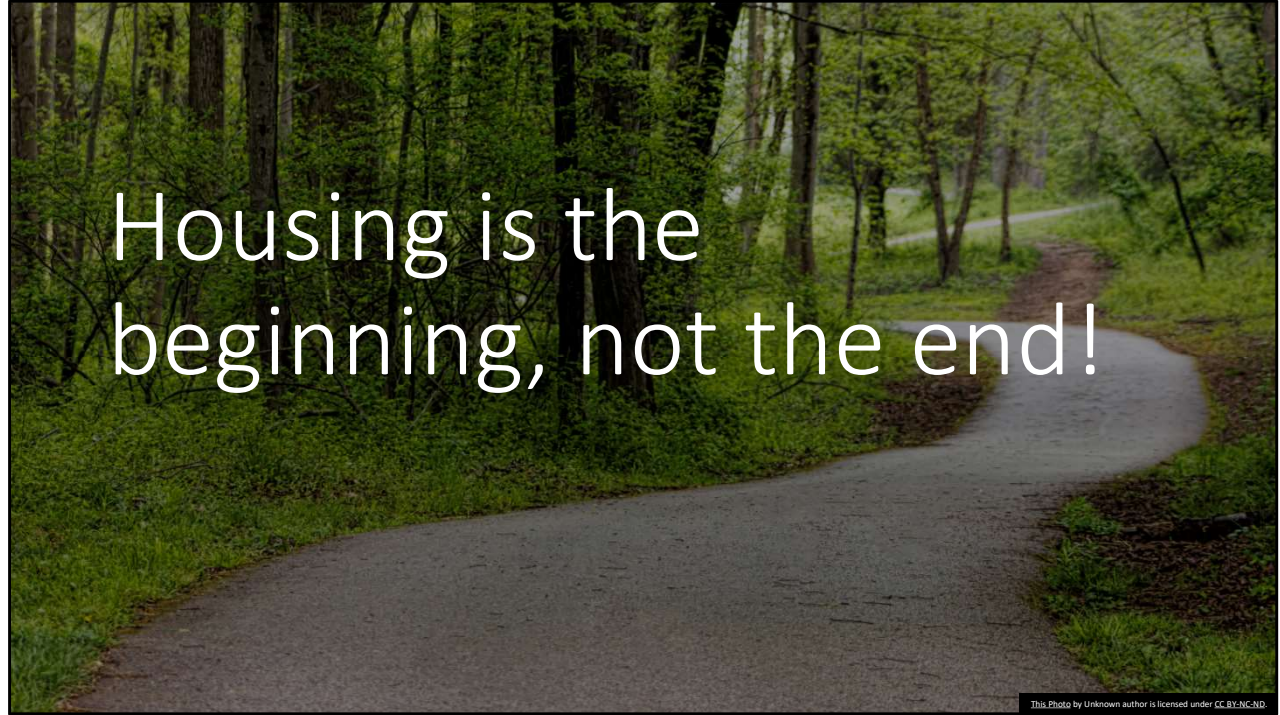
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What are your questions about living in  
your own place?

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