



### Who We Are

*Title of Project, Name of Lead Entity, Partner, Counties in Indiana we are impacting.*

New Star Inc. is a non-profit agency supporting individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Northwest Indiana. We will be working on a Shared Living project to develop a program that can provide new living and support options. We will be working with Dungarvin to collect data to find best practices in similar programs to ensure we are creating a program that best meets the needs of people with disabilities and their families. During this project we will be focusing on Lake and Porter county, but have hopes that this program will be easily replicable throughout all of Indiana. Our project is a little different from the traditional shared living programs that mimic a host family situation where an individual with a disability moves into a caregivers home and is provided with support from them. We are interested in identify housing opportunities that will allow the individual with a disability to have their own home/apartment and to invite a caregiver into to their home to provide support and share expenses.

### What We Expect if We Achieve our Vision

*Expected short-term and long-term outcomes; and positive impacts on individuals if your project successfully carries out these actions.*

Individuals will be given a voice to identify a program that would best meet their needs.

Individuals will have choice of where they live and who they live with.

Individuals will have consistency in the care provided due to not having several different staff working with them.

Individuals will feel supported due to the staffing crisis not affecting them.

Individuals will have increased access to their community and medical services.

Individuals will have full and meaningful lives of their choice in their community.

Individuals are happy and thriving with the support they receive.

Waiver services are changed to include a Shared Living program that is utilized throughout the state.

Individuals are provided with an alternate program to residential services, allowing them more choice.

### What We Will Do

*Specific actions your agency will take to carry out pilot project.*

- \*collect and analyse data to determine best practices
- \*identify affordable housing options and programs
- \*create reimbursement rates and caregiver compensation rates that are appealing to providers and companions
- \*create program manual
- \*identify individuals that are interested in the program
- \*identify companion/caregivers that are interested in the program
- \*match individual with a companion/caregiver

### How We Will Do It

*Plan and implementation*

- \*research providers of similar services
- \*send out surveys
- \*hold focus groups/town hall meetings
- \*meet with housing programs and learn about housing options and programs to support affordable options
- \*develop a matrix to determine rates, respite hours and support expectations based on needs
- \*utilize data to develop program manual and training curriculum
- \*develop a marketing plan
- \*develop a matching process

### What Will Result

*Long-term goals to transform services and/or better support individuals.*

Individuals will live in the communities of their choice and get support from a caregiver/companion that has similar interests.

Staffing shortages should be eliminated

A roadmap to replicate services throughout the state.

### What We Want to Avoid

*Outcomes that may take away from the vision and will serve as "red flags" to consider course correction.*

- \*Unable to find affordable housing options or programs that help individuals purchase/rent their own home.
- \*Placing people with caregivers/companions based on availability instead of matching them based on interests.
- \*Not being able to find Individuals or caregivers/companions due to them being afraid of the non-traditional types of services

