

What is the Future of Housing for People with Developmental Disabilities? Come See!

Join Us to Tour a Variety of Northern Virginia Homes that Provide Integrated, Independent Housing for People with I/DD

As we plan for the future alongside our loved ones with disabilities, it is important to learn about the long term options available where *people with I/DD of all abilities* are successfully living. National best practices and Virginia's DOJ Settlement Agreement are opening more doors to integrated, independent housing that looks beyond either living with family or in a group home. Meet individuals, their families, and support providers at each stop on the



tour who will share how they crafted individualized housing and supports arrangements in community settings for people with a full range of needs.

This tour will provide concrete examples of the housing resources and supports currently available for integrated housing, and the range of service providers operating in Northern Virginia. We will discuss types of rental housing assistance used including Housing Choice Vouchers, State Rental Assistance Program (SRAP), Flexible Funding, and Tax Credit Properties with special leasing preferences. Service providers will share information about who they serve and how they wrap supports around individuals.

WHO SHOULD COME?

These tours are designed for anyone who wants to learn more about long-term housing and support options for people with disabilities. If you're a person with a disability or a family member, it is a good opportunity to see what is available now. This way you can start making plans for what you want in the future or you'll know that you need a more "outside the box" model and can plan for that, too.

If you're a legislator, it is an important time to be up to date on community-based support options. The Department of Justice Settlement and the Governor's plan to close four out of five of the state's training centers mean that many more people will need community-based care options.

If you're a professional in the field, this is a great opportunity to learn more about available supports and to meet providers.

WHY SHOULD I COME?

These tours offer the opportunity to see how individuals and families have put together enduring, affordable, integrated housing arrangements. The hosts will talk about the arrangement they created, housing and services resources they used, the steps in the process, and who helped along the way. If you've wondered what it is like to live in a home with roommates, have visiting supportive services (several hours/week to daily), and/or have a live-in caregiver, it is time to see! If the only place you have ever seen people with developmental disabilities live is a group home, come on by! If you're looking to see what models may suit you in the future, come ask questions. If you want to learn more about community-based supports, this is your opportunity.



HOW DO I RSVP?

Visit <https://thearcofnova.org/programs/workshops-conferences/> to RSVP. Before the tour, you'll be sent a reminder email with details on the address, parking, and other information. If you have questions, feel free to contact Lucy Beadnell (Lucy.Beadnell@TheArcofNOVA.org or 703-208-1119 x116).

HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE?

Our hosts will give you a brief 15 minute summary of how they put together their living arrangement. Touring the home will take about 20 minutes. Then you're free to ask questions about the living situation, the housing, the service providers, and how your loved one might access an opportunity like this.

WHAT CAN I EXPECT?

This is a very casual way to go and tour community supports. You can share any information about yourself you would like, or you can simply stop by to learn. Everyone is welcome.

No single model works for everyone, so this tour includes a variety of housing types and support arrangements. The tour focuses on non-group home settings, but some options have more than one person with a disability living there. We strongly encourage you to explore every environment on the tour, but we understand your time is limited. You are more than welcome to tour a smaller number of homes to get a sense of the supports available.

Please contact us if you have questions about the tour, or if you're looking to learn something in particular so we can help guide you in selecting the supportive environments that would feature those requests.

WHERE DO I GO?

Select from as many of the options below as you would like and RSVP for your visit. **Note: Full addresses will be provided in a reminder email before the tour.**

June 19, 2017, 4-6 PM
Apartment with Live In Support Person
Arlington, VA
<https://tinyurl.com/arctour6-19> to RSVP

June 21, 2017, 11 AM-1 PM
Three Clustered Apartments with Roommates
Arlington, VA
<https://tinyurl.com/arctour6-21> to RSVP

Wrap Up Panel Presentation from Parents and Individuals who have Been There
July 25, 2017, 6:30-8:30 PM
The Arc of Northern Virginia
2755 Hartland Rd., Suite 200
Falls Church, VA 22043

<https://tinyurl.com/archousingpanel> to RSVP for in person panel
<https://tinyurl.com/archousingwebinar> to RSVP for webinar (or receive materials)

*If there is a large interest in these tours, we will offer more in the late summer or early fall. Anyone who RSVPs for these sessions will get priority registration or later tours.

