Desiree Kameka [Madison House Autism Foundation] who currently lives in Colorado may be one of the best informed people in the U.S. about residential options for adults with ID/D. You can find videos on the Madison House website or YouTube, in particular Residential Choices for Individuals with ID/D (Spring 2019). While it is 2 1/2 hours long, luckily this thing called the Internet allows for stopping and starting.

Within this video are numerous examples of current housing. Also a discussion of Where do Coloradans with Residential services live? The statistics are from 2016 and as follows;

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<th>Housing Type</th>
<th>Percentage</th>
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<tr>
<td>Family home</td>
<td>21 %</td>
<td>2,785</td>
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<td>Own home</td>
<td>37 %</td>
<td>4,867</td>
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<td>Host or foster home</td>
<td>22 %</td>
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<td>1-3 Group Home</td>
<td>11 %</td>
<td>1,393</td>
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<td>4-6 Group</td>
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<td>1-6 Group</td>
<td>18 %</td>
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<td>7-15 Group</td>
<td>1.2 %</td>
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<td>10 + Group</td>
<td>0.4 %</td>
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Total 10,500 persons with ID/D live in out-of-home settings

Next chart: Estimated number of persons with ID/D by age group living with caregivers FY 2015

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<th>Caregiver age</th>
<th>To Age 41</th>
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<td>27,634</td>
<td>21,636</td>
<td>12,407</td>
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Total 61,677 persons with ID/D living with caregivers

She asks; Can current growth rate meet Colorado demand? Adding up every setting, only 3,500 individuals total have been given residential supports to move into any other setting in the past 15 years.

Can individuals with ID/D afford housing? Working for $10.20/hr, a person would work 74 hours/week to afford a modest 1 bedroom rental in Colorado. Affordability means paying 30% of income in rent. Housing choice vouchers are extremely limited, and there are limited affordable and accessible options.

So what are the possibilities?

- 50/50 private home and public funding for support. Housing remains privately owned or leased [consumer-controlled] and Long Term Support Services funded by Medicaid.
- Mix of public and private funding- home acquisition options;
  Add a tiny home or ADU
  Bequeath, buy or donated home
  Buy house with others using LLC, 501c3, etc
  Choosing
  Other intentionally planned community
  Renting to others
(Zoning laws may restrict number of unrelated persons living in one house)

Three Roads to Explore: 100% Private Pay- own home, hire staff or provider privately about $35K to $100K/year. Transitional Program- teaching intensive independent living skills with hope of living independently in future. Tuition based residential- investing a lot of money, must be sure model fits person.

- Create a Person-Centered Planning- do it with person with disability as its their future
- Learn needed Life Skills NOW (a strength-based free app- game identifies strengths called Identifor)
- Create a Legal and Financial Life Plan working with Planner with training in special needs
  Write a 5 minute non-negotiable list if something happens to current primary caregiver
- Grassroots Organizing Builds Community and Local Solutions
- Build Your Natural Support System

Budding Projects in Colorado; L’Arche in Ft. Collins, Sky Cliff Center, Rooster Ranch, Garden Inc, Wellspring Community, Tall Tales Ranch, Blue Spruce.

Link to Resources: AutismHousingPathways.org. [very comprehensive]

2- Housing Colorado Outreach - Denver, August 21, 22, 2019

Update on legislation and funding for Affordable Housing.

Small group break-out. I attended Creative Ideas; There was no table for - Housing for Persons with ID/D

- Charter school- their teachers cannot afford housing. Trying to create housing solution.
- Habitat for Humanity getting phone calls about folks with disabilities needing affordable housing
- Kaiser Permanente developed Thrive Local, a social health network aimed at connecting health and social services providers to better coordinate and improve patient care. [housing is good health]
- Central Presbyterian Church- home sharing between seniors and college students
- GES Coalition for Health and Housing- concerned with community displacement [gentrification]
- Colorado Dept of Local Affairs [DOLA] Co-housing- density- need better land use discussions
- State govt. employee on green housing and how to engage people.
- Denver Housing Authority- has retail shops on first floor of buildings for mix of retail/residential.
- Homeless advocates- Must be pro-active; Who’s at risk for losing housing? [Instead of waiting for person to be without a home.

Activist - a person who uses or support strong actions to help make changes in politics or society
Activist synonyms; advocate, backer, champion, promoter, supporter, crusader, dreamer, visionary