



# Identifying Solutions to Housing Gaps for Vulnerable Citizens

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# **Background on Housing Committees**

- **The Sinnéave Family Foundation 2012**
- **Consultations and Roundtables**
- **Provincial committee on Supported Community Living for adults with autism**
- **Family driven solutions**
- **Aspires Housing Committee**



# Mind the Housing Gap

*For young adults with developmental disabilities*

- **63% still living at home after age 29** - National Housing and Residential Supports Survey
- **84% need targeted support for independent living** - Autism Society of Alberta
- **28% get PDD funding for supported living** - Autism Society of Alberta
- **23% can afford to pay for support services** - CASDA
- **94% require affordable housing,**
- **71% have mental health issues** - CASDA



# What are some of the Gaps

***Community Home Gap*** - For families who are concerned with wait times for PDD placement and lack of input and control for individuals needing 24/7 care.

***Community Living Gap*** – For those needing 24/7 on site monitoring and targeted support for semi-independent living.

***Independent Living Gap*** - For individuals requiring a small amount of support who do not receive funding from Alberta Human Services Disability Services.

# Filling the Community Home Gap

## Family Managed Community Homes

- Families collaborate and choose home mates
- Families select and negotiate with preferred support agency
- Families and agencies negotiate financial support with PDD
- Families control properties to ensure tenure and stability

# Filling the Community Living Gap

## **Semi-Independent living**

- **Self-contained living units**
- **Common activity and kitchen space**
- **Secure access and affordable rent**
- **Mixed revenue for support costs including fee-for-service Life Coach**

# Filling the Independent Living Gap

## **Adult Independent Residence**

- **Apartment building with integrated market and affordable rates**
- **Concierge providing light targeted support**
- **Common kitchen and activity space**
- **Social integration**
- **Support cost built into capital structure**
- **Fee-for-service Life Coaching**

# Solutions for Filling the Gaps

- **Family and community collaboration**
- **Government regulations to spur affordable housing by builders**
- **Public / Private partnerships**
- **Provincial Housing Trusts**
- **Use of RDSP for home purchase**