

## A Partnership

In St. Charles County, the DDRB has partnered with St. Charles Habilitation Center in providing resources and education to families that may be interested in Community Placement for their loved ones. Case Manager Erika Rodriguez works closely with St. Charles Habilitation Center Social Worker Sharon Turner, to provide information to families interested in exploring Community Placement.

From setting up visits to community homes, to “meet and greets” with provider agencies—our goal is to provide the information families need to determine if Community Placement may be appropriate for their loved one.

If you are interested in learning more about Community Placement, or would like to speak with someone who has transitioned a loved one into the community, please contact Erika Rodriguez or Sharon Turner.



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## Questions?

Jot down your thoughts and call for more information!



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*Opportunities for living in the community  
with 24 hour supports*



**The DDRB is a leader, ensuring that  
individuals with developmental  
disabilities living in St. Charles County  
have quality opportunities and choices  
to be fully included in society.**

# Transition: Providing Opportunities for Community Living

## “Community Placement”

Community Placement is a setting in which an individual with a developmental disability lives in a home within the community and still receives 24-hour protective oversight, supervision, and support. These homes are in our towns, neighborhoods...and in many cases, up the street.

Over the past few decades, there have been great changes in the supports provided within the community. Agencies who provide Community Placement oftentimes have specialties in providing intense medical or behavioral supports. They have nursing oversight and nursing staff that are available 24 hours a day.

Individuals in Community Placement still have individualized supports that provide oversight and assistance in daily living and medical care. An emphasis is placed on keeping individuals with developmental disabilities included in the community. Individual Support Plans (ISPs) are developed that highlight not only needs, but also strengths, interests, and goals. The individual’s support team then works to find activities and community opportunities catered to the individual’s abilities and interests.

## Sucesses

**Richard, Yamada, and Joe** have spent most of their lives in a residential setting. In 2009 Richard, Yamada, and Joe moved to O’Fallon, MO where they currently reside. The gentlemen love their home, and enjoy participating in community activities that cater to their interests. Richard attends the O’Fallon Senior Center for lunch, and enjoys his weekly trips to the bank where he has coffee and visits with the tellers. Yamada is a member of the local YMCA where he enjoys lifting weights, walking the track and shooting hoops. Joe volunteers at a local day program, working in the “food shack” and likes to spend his afternoons watching Cardinal’s games or playing waffle ball with Yamada in the backyard.



**Richard, Yamada, and Joe; proud of their home**



**David, cooking with staff**

**David** lived at St. Charles Habilitation center for several years, after various attempts at community living that were not successful. In 2010 David moved into a community home with another gentleman and 24-hour staff trained to provide him assistance. David participates in a bowling league on Wednesdays and enjoys being active in his community. David likes to attend events such as Monday Night Wrestling, Monster Truck rallies, and baseball games. He is currently saving money to buy season tickets to the River City Rascals. David is very proud of his home and enjoys the full access he now has to his community.

**Brandon** remains employed at the St. Charles Habilitation Center, Monday through Friday. Brandon is responsible for performing janitorial type duties including picking up trash, vacuuming, dusting woodwork and cleaning windows with the assistance of his personal assistant, Jeremy.

After work, Brandon and his personal assistant go out into the community and participate in activities of his choice. Brandon enjoys a variety of activities including playing basketball, soccer and football at local parks and at St. Charles Community College.

Brandon and Jeremy also enjoy going to various malls, out to eat and bowling.

Since moving into the community, Brandon has developed many friendships. He enjoys getting together with friends for barbeques, going to movies and playing sports. Recently, Brandon has also joined a club with several friends and enjoys attending meetings.

Brandon loves his home. Brandon and his mother worked together to decorate the home to his liking. He takes pride in ensuring that his home is clean and well-maintained. Brandon sweeps, mops, makes his bed, helps with dishes and is learning to make small snacks.



**Brandon and staff**