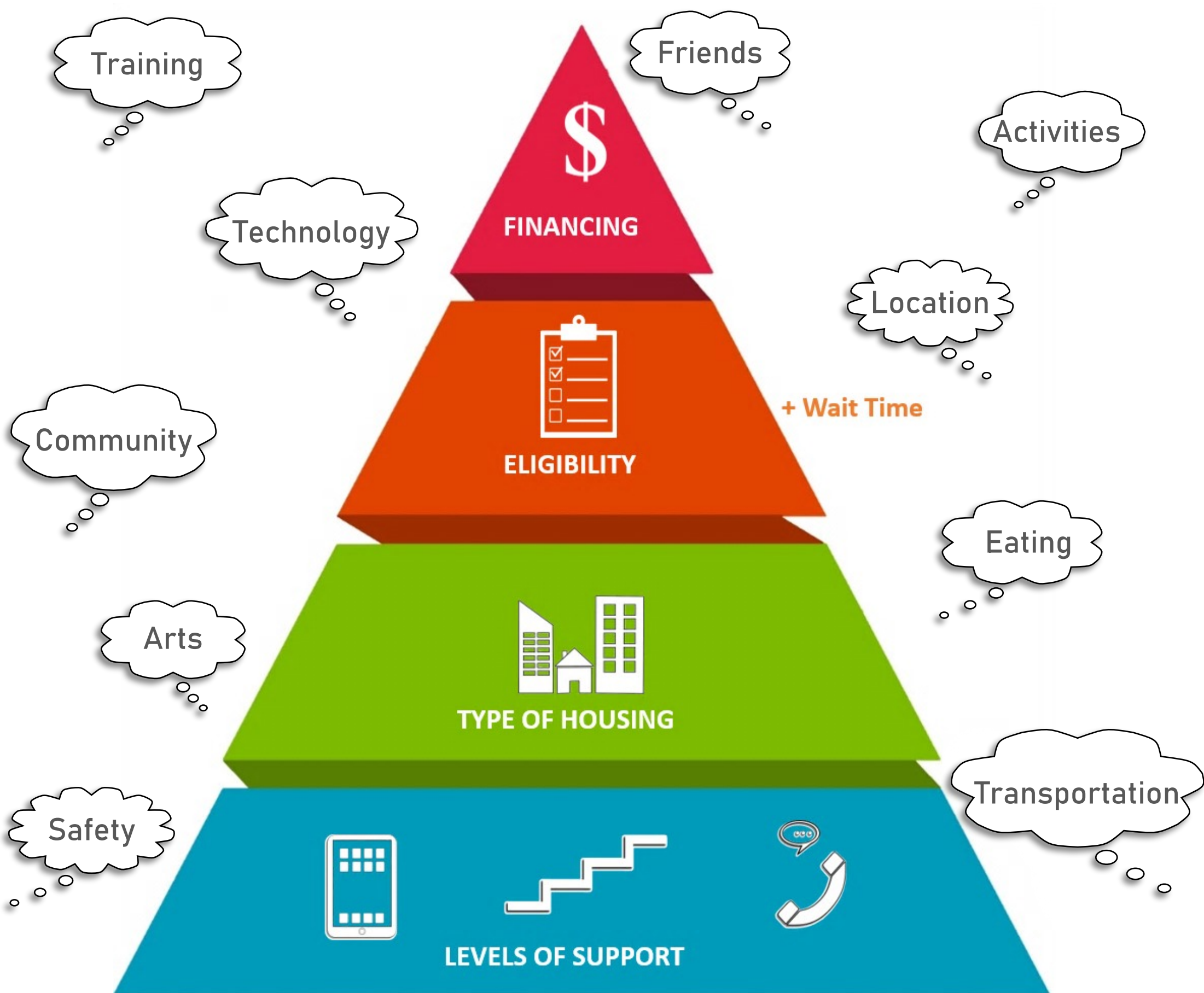


Housing Considerations



Where do I start?

What are the options?

Who can help?

Health

Funding

Family

Recreation

Support



An Autism Collective Effort

FINANCIAL



PUNS

Prioritization of Urgency of Need for Services

Home-Based Waiver or CILA funds. Home-Based as “based out of the home, but not exclusive to the home!” This is the Waiver where agencies can directly bill Medicaid for a licensed day program, behavioral therapies, and Personal Support Workers (PSW) or Job Coaches to go out in the community. Or you can hire PSWs yourself. You can also be the PSW if he/she agrees and that’s in his/her best interests. Home -Based is a one-size-fits-all award, calculated as a multiplier of the monthly federal SSI amount. About 1,500 a month if a public school student up to age 22, goes up to about 2,200 a month when out of public school.

Subsidized Housing

Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCV) also known as Section 8 is a *housing subsidy* that eligible persons receive to reduce their share of the cost of rent. HCV is a very popular program and most *housing* authorities' waiting lists are closed and are very long when they are open.

SSI

Supplemental Security Income

Supplemental Security Income is a federally funded program administered by the U.S. Social Security Administration (SSA). SSI provides financial help to disabled adults and children who have limited income and assets.

SSDI

Supplemental Security Disability Income

To qualify for **Social Security disability benefits**, you must first have worked in jobs covered by Social Security. Then you must have a medical condition that meets Social Security's definition of **disability**.

Social Security (Parents) – It’s possible for an individual to receive ½ of a parents SSI once a parent retires without it affecting SSDI payments. The parent's own retirement benefits are not affected by their adult child's receipt of SSDI, and the child can still qualify for SSI benefits if her SSDI payments, which count as unearned income for SSI purposes, do not disqualify him/her.

DRS

Division of Rehabilitation Services

Home Services Program (Only in the home support)

Amount of award varies depending on individuals needs and hours of support required. Current rate is \$13/hour for Personal Assistants (PAs) and the awards are in hours per week; so if you are awarded, say, 50 hours/week that comes to around \$34,000/year. PA can only work 40 hours a week, so if awarded 50 hours the individual would need to hire 2 workers. Parents can be PA’s to their adult child

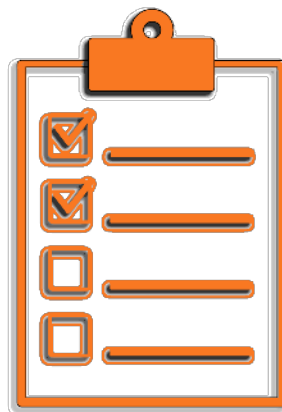
Private Pay / Trust

ELIGIBILITY

PUNS (Process)

Prioritization of Urgency of Need for Services

- You must enroll to be put on the PUNS list - this is the first step.
- PUNS is a waiting list for people in Illinois with developmental disabilities who need home and community based services.
- PUNS is for EVERYONE who may need help from the government to pay for developmental disability services now and within the next 5 years.
- A Pre-Admission Screening (PAS) agency will assign you to a ISC (Independent Service Coordination) who will support you with being put on the PUNS list. They will walk you through the paperwork and the PUNS process.
- Contacting your local PAS (Pre-Admission Screening) agency about the PUNS list is the first step towards getting services in Illinois.



DRS (Personal Support Worker “PSW”)

Division of Rehabilitation Services

- Home Services means services ONLY IN THE HOME, not out in the community (except for doctors appts if needed).
- This is a completely different waiver and has nothing to do with the PUNS waiting list.
- Potential clients will be assessed to determine need, an assessment tool called the (DON) Determination Of Need, if their “**DON**” score is over 29, and they are deemed in need of care/supervision IN THEIR HOME when no or not enough caregiver support is available... they are deemed eligible and gets services.
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Housing

Person Centered Planning Questions

- Would like to have own space?
- Would like to have a roommate?
- Needs bus transportation access?
- Community & Recreation Access?
- What do you need to live as independently as possible?



Housing

24 Hour CILA (Community Integrated Living Arrangement)

Marcfirst

- Waiver based funding, or private pay, must be 18 or older and have a developmental disability.
- Marcfirst provides CILA supports in 2 apartment settings, 4 duplexes and 4 houses. Settings range from 4-8 people dependent on the site.
- All 24-hour CILA sites have overnight staff that are awake all night. Each person in the 24 hour setting has their own bedroom.
- Marcfirst offers an array of services such as; Customized Employment, Job development, Participation with S.O.A.R., Wellness, Friendsfirst, ROAM, Specialized Meal Plans, Adult Day Program (DT) (M-F 9:00am to 2:30pm), Marcfirst Melodies Choir, and Marc Making a program for artists.
- Marcfirst has Nursing Staff available 24 hours a day and Behavioral Specialist Supports.



Homes of Hope

- Supports adult individuals, 18 and older who have been diagnosed with an intellectual disability. Community Integrated Living Arrangement (CILA) provides 24 hour care to each resident.
- Homes of Hope provides necessary transportation for both increased recreational integration and activity within the community.
- Homes of Hope is involved in Special Olympics, employment, job development, S.O.A.R., and volunteer opportunities.



Housing

Intermittent CLA

(Community Integrated Living Arrangement)

Marcfirst

- This program offers a minimum of 15 hours of support a week based on the needs of the person receiving the service.
- Services are in home and staff are on site at different times throughout the day depending on the needs of the person receiving the services. There are no overnight staff on site.
- Staff supports focus on wellness, including healthy living and medication management, community supports, assistance with medical appointments and scheduling appointments, adult daily living skills and money management .



Host Home Program

Marcfirst

Marcfirst's Host Home program assists individuals with developmental disabilities of all ages in McLean County with finding a home designed to encourage independence in a family environment. Host Home Providers open their homes up to support individuals, allowing the individuals to be immersed in both community and family life. Individuals are matched with a Host Home Provider based on a variety of likes and dislikes.

- Host Home offers a provider compensation of service, paid time off, and specialized training.
- Provides person receiving services an enhanced quality of life through one on one supports by helping a person achieve their goals, create relationships within the community and live more independently.

Housing

More Independent or Low Income

Congregate Housing Services Program (CHSP)

Bloomington Housing Authority

Irvin Apartments

The CHSP Service Coordinator meets individually with each resident on a monthly basis to provide case management and monitor services. The CHSP Service Coordinator also screens applicants, as well as acts as liaison between external service agencies like Marcfirst or (UCP) United Cerebral Palsy Land of Lincoln, the Housing Authority, and the (PAC) Professional Assessment Committee to assure that all program participants are receiving the appropriate support.

Some of the benefits CHSP participants receive from the services and training offered include meals, housekeeping, personal assistance, transportation, and health services. CHSP participants also receive 3 catered meals a day. The training includes health and safety, socialization, laundry, housekeeping, meal planning, grocery list planning, shopping, cooking, budgeting, self-grooming and bus training.

- Finance- federally funded grant program that aims to prevent the premature institutionalization of persons with developmental disabilities.
- Housing- Provides services to 25 residents at the Irvin apartments which started in 1982.
- Eligibility- Persons with developmental disabilities.
- Supports- Individuals currently in the program receive training services through Marcfirst, UCP Land of Lincoln, Bridgeway, and Home Base Services through the Division of Rehabilitation Services. The PAC plays an integral part of the CHSP. The PAC determines eligibility of participants as well as their point of discharge from the program. They meet monthly to review participants' progress and supports needed in the program.



Phoenix Towers

Finance- subsidized by the federal governments HUD (Housing and Urban Development Division). HUD residents usually pay 30% of their gross income for rent. The rent amount, less approved HUD deductions such as medical and child care expenses, and other allowances, includes a utility allowance. HUD Residents also may choose to pay what is known as flat rent.

The (BHA) Bloomington Housing Authority works with applicants to determine which rent arrangement is best for them. Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8) - find your own place and use the voucher to pay for all or part of the rent. To apply, contact a public housing agency.

- Housing- A housing apartment- may have wait lists
- Eligibility- senior, low income, requires a housing application