

### ***DDS Housing Options/Alternatives Development Initiative***

Creating additional housing options/alternatives is an “area of focus” in the DDS State System of Care Plan 2022-2025 update. This means that is an area that DDSD and stakeholders have identified as a gap in the system to discuss specifically during this renewal. The Division is scheduling special forums on this topic to ensure that there is attention given to discussing how to move forward to address the issue.

There may be ways that DDSD can partner with individuals, families, and provider groups to expand options that will not require special funding or changes to the System of Care Plan—and the Division is excited to talk with stakeholders to learn what people are interested in seeing as housing/residential options.

This is important because stakeholders want to develop more housing and residential opportunities. We have heard from individuals, families, and providers that they would like explore ways to expand on the interesting and creative residential options and opportunities that have been established and determine what models may be in place in other states that could be sustainable options in Vermont.