



FLORIDA DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL, INC.

ALTERNATIVE RESIDENTIAL OPTIONS

TELL YOUR OWN STORY

The Florida Developmental Disability Council invites individuals with developmental disabilities and their families to “Tell their story” and share with us your thoughts regarding alternative residential options in Florida. Personal stories provide a rich understanding of people’s needs and hopes for their future. Although not required, we encourage you to use the following format when writing your story. This will help us in reviewing and synthesizing the comments.

1. Tell us about yourself and your situation.
2. Describe the characteristics of the living environment that you prefer.
3. If you live with a family member or guardian, describe where you would want to live and the characteristics of this living environment if your parents or guardians could not continue to care for you.
4. Explain your attempts to locate either of these types of environment.
5. Describe the additional types of residential and supported living options that you would like to see in Florida.
6. If one of your options could be a Planned Residential Community please share with us why this option would best meet your needs and what type of supports you think would be necessary to address your situation.
7. Provide any further information or comments as you wish.

We encourage responses from individuals with developmental disabilities and family members. Family members may provide information from the perspective of the family member. If family members wish to provide the information from the perspective of the individual with developmental disabilities, e.g., in the first person, please identify the family member providing the information and that you have permission (expressed or implied).

Please send your response by email to vandab@fddc.org with the subject line “Request to Tell Your Story”. These stories will be shared with the Alternative Residential Options Work Group at the September meeting. We will also post the stories on our web-page (last name removed for privacy). Thank you for taking your time to help us with this important project.