

HOME THINK TANK 2019 GOALS



Home Think Tank (HTT) was formed in 2007 by people with disabilities, their families and friends who share a commitment for affordable, accessible, and inclusive homes. Hamilton County DD Services has provided staff support since its inception.

The primary purpose of Home Think Tank is to provide information and support so that people with disabilities and their families can plan for inclusive housing. HTT offers quarterly informational meetings and partners with other organizations to offer special sessions on topics related to inclusive housing. HTT also partners with a wide range of community and governmental organizations to advocate for affordable, accessible and inclusive housing.

Goal 1: Help people with disabilities and their family members plan for housing

- A. Create a Housing Options Guide that outlines information about inclusive housing options.
 - I. Use Home Think Tank meetings to pilot and get feedback.
 - II. Secure grant funding (if necessary) to prepare an online version of the tool.
 - III. Post on the DDS web site.
- B. Identify local people/families who have developed inclusive housing and are willing to share their experiences.
 - I. Use Home Think Tank meetings to identify people/families.
 - II. Use an array of approaches to record these inclusive housing stories (videos, short articles, podcasts, etc.)
 - III. Post on the DDS web site: <http://www.hamiltondds.org/families/home-think-tank>
- C. Provide information on how Trusts and STABLE accounts can be used to plan for housing.
 - I. Host special sessions (in conjunction with Future is Now Project for older caregivers).
 - II. Provide tools and materials that describe how STABLE accounts and trusts can enhance housing planning.

A. Goal 2: Share information about the SW Ohio Regional Technology Project and Smart Home

- A. Invite Technology Project representatives to offer a presentation at a Home Think Tank meeting.
- B. Post videos showing the use of technology at home.
- C. Encourage families to attend an open house at the regional Smart Home.
- D. Offer a local (Cincinnati area) technology open house in the home of a person who uses technology

Goal 3: Offer presentations on housing to local groups, agencies and family organizations

- A. Offer presentations, tools and stories to local groups as requested.
- B. Engage people with disabilities, family members in these presentations.

Goal 4: Advocate for affordable and accessible and inclusive housing

- A. Disseminate information about the number of people with disabilities with extremely low income who need inclusive, affordable housing.
- B. Continue to advocate with CMHA about the need for housing for people with disabilities with extremely low income, and for access to information about accessible housing.
- C. Disseminate information about Housing Choice Voucher wait list process.