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Shared Living

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Shared Living Request For Information

- The purpose of the RFI
- The results received
- The next steps



Family Living, also known as Lifesharing

What We Already Know

- Started in 1982
- Over 100 providers statewide
- 1700 individuals served
- National role model



Success of Family Living

- IM4Q: consistently ranked highest among living choices
- Sustainability of relationships
- Cost effective alternative to group homes



Challenges to expansion

- Waiver Capacity Management
- Start-Up Costs
- Crisis Management



Re-visioning lifesharing

- Expand within ODP and to other program offices
 - OMHSAS
 - OLTL
- Identify effective models and best practices, locally and nationally

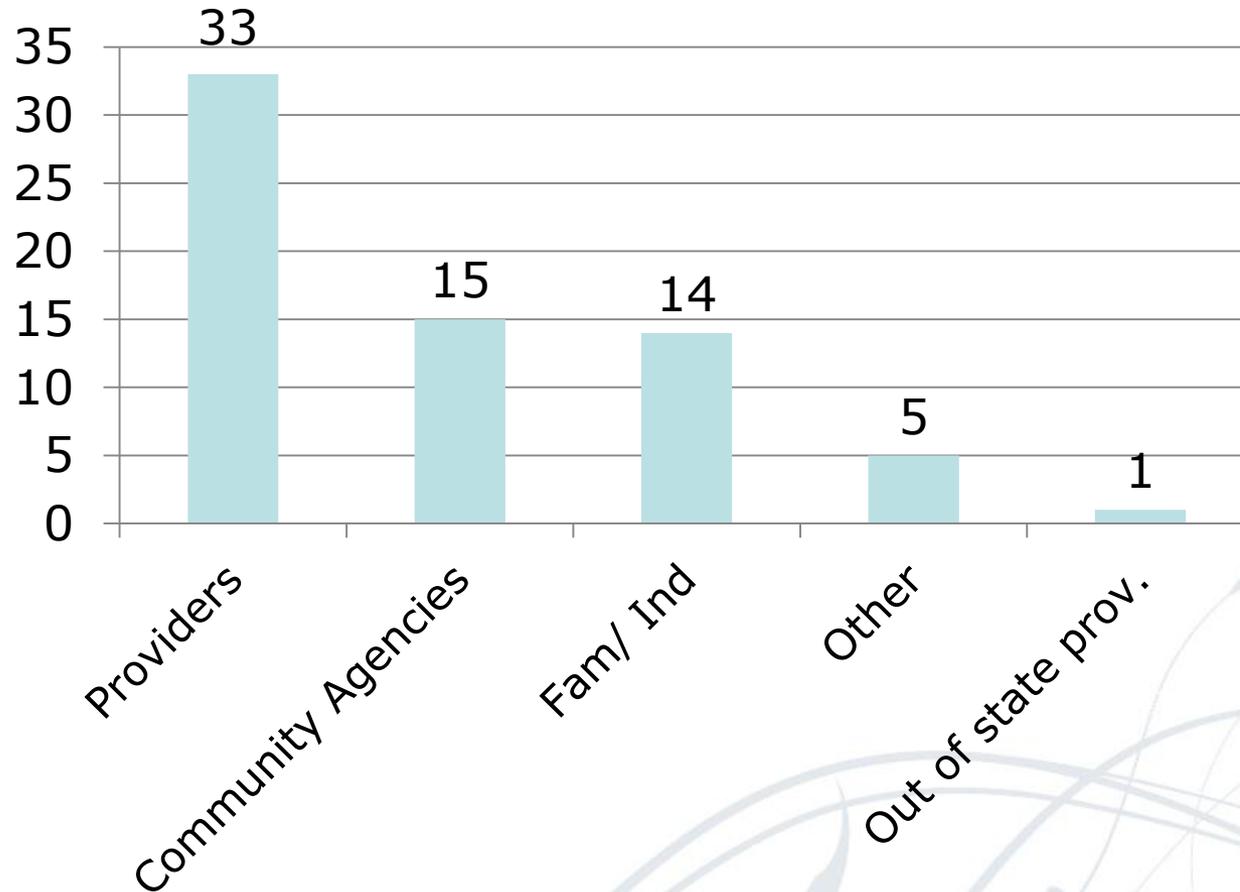


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Results



Number





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Top 5 Recommendations



Interdisciplinary diagnosis, eligibility and planning with a standardized assessment

“Level of care determination will be important...A common standardized assessment must be able to generate an individualized care plan...”



Respite/relief staff easily available

“Respite care prevents burnout and ensures longtime commitment to the arrangement [of Family or Shared Living]”



Keep focus on "Everyday Lives"/Person- Centered Planning and promote Self-determination/ Individualization

“It is important to assure a shared living program maintains a person centered plan and Everyday Lives Principles as focal points for the individual receiving services. Choice of caregiver and agency should be made by the individual that will receive services.”



Allow Family Members to provide services - except parents

“DPW should mandate that SL services be offered before any person is placed in an institution. If relatives or friends are able and interested in SLP that option needs to be fully explored prior to the institutional placement”



Access to continuous training for Family Living providers

“Training should be intensive, all encompassing, and required. Some suggested training topics include but not limited to aging related impairments, behavioral health issues, intellectual/developmental disabilities related subjects, and communication with individuals in various disabilities, etc.”



Other Ideas

Tiered Eligibility and Payment System

Standardized Oversight Process

Electronic documentation

Start Up Costs

Incentives for expansion



Next Steps

- Internal DPW workgroup to evaluate recommendations
- Review of existing regulations
- Draft program design to incorporate best practices across all three offices



Timelines

Activities	Target Dates
Legislature Changes	FY 12/13
Regulatory Changes	FY 13/14
Rate Setting	FY 13/14
Implementation	FY 13/14



FY 12/13

- Requested funding for 50 waiver slots in 12/13 budget
- Presentations at State Centers
- Collaboration with OCYF



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