



IDDEAS Advisory Council (IAC)

Public Meeting

October 29, 2024

Agenda Item	Time
• Welcome, Introductions, and Meeting Overview	1:00 pm to 1:20 pm
• Council and Partner Updates	1:20 pm to 1:35 pm
• Denver Public Library I/DD Digital Navigator Update	1:35 pm to 1:50 pm
• Break	1:50 pm to 1:55 pm
• Bayaud BE HOME Presentation	1:55 pm to 2:35 pm
• Public Comment	2:35 pm to 2:55 pm
• Planning for Next Meeting	2:55 pm to 3:00 pm

Introductions



- IDDEAS Advisory Council members will introduce themselves.
- When introducing yourself please say:
 - Your name and any role on the council
 - Your gender pronouns
 - Visual description
 - Affiliations and background

IAC Members:

Alexxa Gagner

Beth Bevilacqua

Brian Be (co-chair)

Chris Patton

Janessa Systo

Jessica Raichle

Kizzly Blue (RMHS delegate, non-voting member)

Lindsay Westmiller (co-chair)

Michelle Dumay (RMHS CAC liaison)

Molly Mason

Stefanie Gross

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DHS Staff:

Corey Boyle (secretary)

Jordan Mulholland

Lynn Kutner (IAC meeting tech support)

Michaela Hennig (IDDEAS program manager)

Jordan Humphries (legal counsel)









Intellectual and Developmental Disability Equitable Access to Services (IDDEAS)

Mission: IDDEAS partners with the community to manage local taxpayer dollars dedicated for Denver residents with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Vision: We strive to make Denver an inclusive community where people with I/DD feel welcome, valued and empowered to live the lives they envision for themselves

IDDEAS Advisory Council (IAC) is comprised of Denver residents with lived experienced with I/DD. The IAC meets monthly to discuss all sorts of topics relevant to Denver residents with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Using community feedback, individual knowledge, and expert presentations, the council provides recommendations to Denver Human Services about the best way to prioritize funds and programs.

IDDEAS Advisory Council Meeting Expectations

-  Please be respectful of everyone attending the meeting.
-  Mute yourself, raise your hand, and unmute to speak. Introduce yourself to speak.
-  Stay on topic.
-  All meetings are public and recorded. Chats are posted publicly as well.
-  Votes will happen in the chat. Ensure that chat is set to “everyone”.
-  Please remain safe during meetings.
-  Please respect and honor the Denver Code of Ethics
-  Have fun!

Minutes

- Review 09/24/2024 meeting minutes
- Any requested changes?
- Potential action item: vote to approve minutes
 - Motion to approve [with revisions]?
 - Second?
 - Vote in chat (all voting members to respond: Yes, No, or Abstain)



CAC Member report out

- Rocky Mountain Human Services Community Advisory Council report
- Other updates by other council members can also be shared during this time

<https://www.rmhumanservices.org/cac>





Council Updates

Update us on current events or happenings related to our Advisory Council and Denver residents with I/DD.

Please keep updates brief and fully relevant to our community.

Denver Public Library I/DD Digital Navigator Update



- May 2021 - IAC recommendation “Improve technology device access, digital equity, and supportive services.”
- April 2023 - Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Denver Public Library (DPL) to support their existing Digital Navigator program.
- Provides free individualized support for accessing affordable internet, devices, or learning how to use technology.
- New MOU in progress: 2 more years of funding, increase outreach, outcome measures.

Denver Public Library I/DD Digital Navigator - Discussion



- Questions about the Digital Navigators program?
- Technology learning or support needs?
- Ideas for outreach to Denver's I/DD community?
- Suggestions for partner community sites?

To set up an appointment with a digital navigator
Call **720-865-3446** or email dignav@denverlibrary.org



Break (5 minutes)

Please take 5 minutes to rest your eyes and brain, use the bathroom, have water or a snack, or do anything else you need. Feel free to step away and turn off your camera. Please come back and turn your camera on at the noted time.

Bayaud BE HOME

Welcome Erica Hostetler from the BE HOME I/DD Program, Bayaud's housing navigation program!



BE HOME-IDD: Lessons from Our First Year and Next Steps

By: Erica Hostetler – Program Manager

Bayaud Enterprises

October 2024

Meet the Team

Bill Thomas – Intake Coordinator

Andrew Lee – Intake Coordinator and SOAR Navigator

Kiandrea Dobbins – Lead Housing Navigator

Christine Duong – Housing Navigator

Sandy Lopez – Housing Navigator

Eric Kollwitz – Housing Navigator

Housing Navigator – In hiring process

Dayle Provencher – Mental Health Counselor

Ryan Corrales – Master of Social Work Intern

Erica Hostetler – Program Manager



Program Overview

- BE HOME-IDD is a program funded by the Denver Human Services IDDEAS Mill Levy program
- BE HOME is an acronym: **B**ayaud **E**nterprises **H**ousing **O**ptions **M**ean **E**verything
- Our program has 3 eligibility criteria:
 1. Participants must reside in the City and County of Denver,
 2. Have at least one household member who, if under age 5 has a developmental delay, OR if five and older has an intellectual and developmental disability OR is seeking an I/DD designation
 3. Seeking support with housing and/or home ownership



Program Overview Continued



BE HOME is a partnership between our participants, their support networks and BE HOME staff



First step: Phone screening with intake staff to verify eligibility



Participants meeting all 3 eligibility criteria are offered an intake



Housing Navigation

- Create customized housing stability plan
- Collaborate with client, support networks and community partners to achieve and maintain housing
- Update housing stability plan at least every 90-days and as needed

BE HOME Services

- All clients create a Housing Stability Plan with their navigators
- Services vary from person to person, but *may* include:
 - Advocacy
 - Assistance with documents (birth certificate, social security card etc.)
 - Applying for/keeping public benefits (food assistance, Medicaid)
 - Support with finding housing
 - Assistance with housing forms
 - Connection to community resources
 - Mental health counseling (therapy)
 - Caregiver/Family Support
 - Limited financial support



190 total referrals to date

Most common reasons for referral: at-risk of homelessness for financial reasons, homelessness, at-risk of homelessness for other reasons



143 Clients served (110 Households)

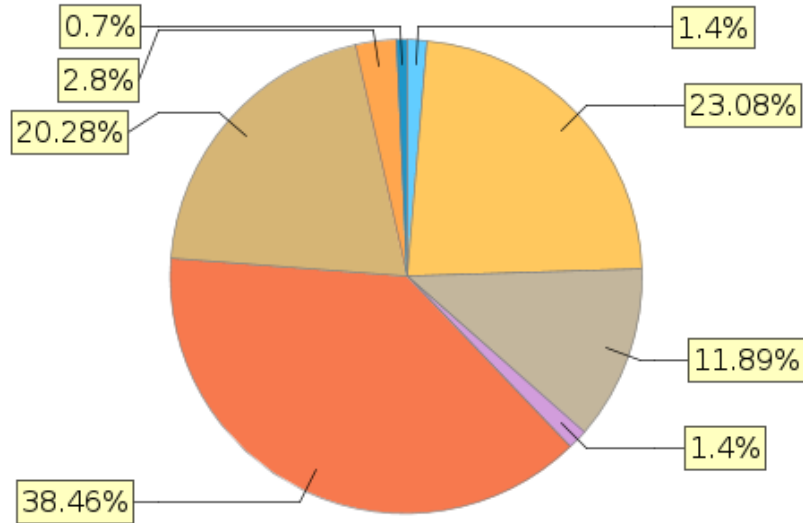
Of 143 clients served, 120 individuals reported having an Intellectual and Developmental Disability. 23 were family/household members of clients with I/DD.
43 clients entered the program while experiencing homelessness

Key Data Points
(October 25, 2023 – Present)

Key Data Points Continued

- 80% of total households served (88 households) reported income of less than \$10,000 per year
- Nearly 50% of total households served (54 households) reported zero income

Race and Ethnicity Chart



● American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous ● Black, African American, or African ● Hispanic/Latina/e/o
● Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander ● White ● Multiracial ● Client doesn't know / prefers not to answer ● No Answer

10 households moved into new housing with the support of BE HOME



Of the 10 households that moved, 5 exited homelessness

Of the 5 households that exited homelessness:

- 2 obtained vouchers with the support of BE HOME

- 1 household moved into a market-rate apartment

- 2 used vouchers obtained prior to BE HOME enrollment



Of the 10 households that moved, 5 moved from one apartment to another
apartment of their choice

- 1 household obtained a housing voucher with the support of BE HOME

- 4 households used vouchers obtained prior to BE HOME enrollment

Lessons Learned In Our First Year

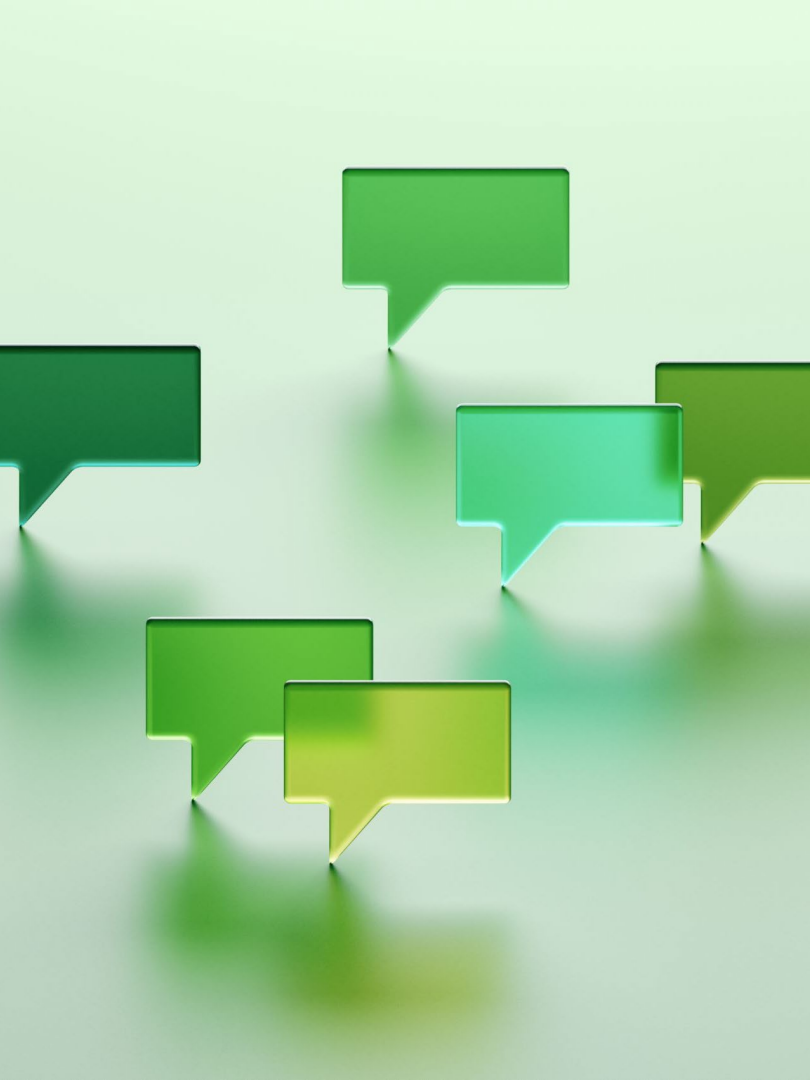
- Partnerships have been key to our success thus far
- Housing vouchers are the most common need for BE HOME clients
- Even those with vouchers and/or those who enter the program housed, still face challenges
- Readily available funding, and the ability to use that funding for a variety of client needs with few barriers has helped keep clients housed



Next Steps for BE HOME

- Continue collaborating with BE HOME clients to find and maintain housing options
- Build out programming for clients with aging caregiver concerns as well as those seeking home ownership
- Continue learning from the I/DD community and other service providers to better fill gaps
- Refine our processes
- Create and strengthen community partnerships





To make a referral:

- Email our referral form to:
BEHOME-IDD@BayaudEnterprises.org
- And/or Call our intake line: 720.979.2645

Other questions or comments? Please reach out to me directly

- Email: Erica.Hostetler@BayaudEnterprises.org
- Voice/Text:720.412.4543



Questions?



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YOU

Denver Residents

IDDEAS Advisory Council

Denver Human Services

Rocky Mountain Human Services

Community partners

Questions for the IAC

- What spaces/organizations should BE HOME outreach to connect with more people eligible for their services, such as people with aging caregiver concerns?
- Do you have any suggested topics for peer groups or client learning sessions for the program to incorporate?
- Are there any services missing that you recommend BE HOME consider?
- How do you, as community members, find housing opportunities?

Public Comment

- IAC meetings are open to the public!
- Every meeting we hold space for public comment. To sign up for public comment, email IDDEAS@denvergov.org or go to our [online public comment form](#) by 1:00 pm the day before the IAC meeting.
- If you need help accessing or filling out the form, reach out by email or text/call 303-551-4305.
- Public commentators will be allotted 3 minutes to make comment related to either an agenda topic or a separate topic that has been pre-approved by either of the IAC co-chairs. All public comments are recorded within our minutes and recordings.
- Outside of public comment, discussion and engagement is reserved for members of the advisory council, DHS staff, and guest presenters. **All guests are asked to observe on mute.**



Forecasting Next Meeting

November 26, 2024



Council Adjournment

Council members are invited to move to adjourn.