

Association of Adult Residential Centers & Regional Rehabilitation Centers of NS: Highlights 2016-2017

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The Association of ARCs / RRCs

Who We Are

- Comprised of the 8 major organizations supporting persons with disabilities through residential care, group homes, and other independent living programming.
- We support those with moderate –severe physical, intellectual and mental health (e.g. autism) disabilities that range in age from 19 to 80+.
- Purpose includes:
 - Seeking ways to improve the quality of life for persons with disabilities
 - Utilizing collective skills and knowledge in planning for the future;
 - Promoting the understanding and acceptance of individuals with disabilities



Highlights 2016-2017

Transformation of Services for Persons with Disabilities

- Moving to community based options and closing large facilities
- Moratorium on admissions as of July 1, 2016
 - Only temporary/emergency placements.
- Have started moving individuals able to transition smoothly (Project 25)
- New sector resources: Four small options homes being built this year, 4 planned for next year
- Have been working with DCS to safely plan transformation
 - We are supportive of transformation
 - Our organizations are building business plans to align with new vision
 - We are emphasizing client choice, social inclusion, the best supports based on individual need
- These transitions could have effects across the health care continuum, the education system, justice system, etc.



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Vacancies and Budgets

- Moratorium on permanent placements has affected budgets of per diem funded organizations
- Have been discussing mitigation with DCS

Adult Protection Beds

- At the request of DCS, our organizations will offer three adult protection placement spaces
- Worked with DCS to develop a robust process and decision map
 - Emphasized ability to staff, ability to assess in advance, how to fund, and that these placements would be temporary



Highlights 2016-2017

Association Rebranding

- Working with HANS to develop a new communications strategy and rebranding of the Association
- Focus is on our diverse and positive approach to supporting our clients



QUESTIONS?
COMMENTS?