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To: Bureau of Developmental Disabilities Services Providers, Stakeholders, Families, and Individuals

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Re: Innovation Pilot Project Update

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In the summer of 2022, the Division of Disability and Rehabilitative Services announced funding opportunities for home and community-based waiver services providers, non-provider community entities, self-advocates and families interested in exploring new means to support and address areas of outstanding need among Hoosiers receiving services from the Bureau of Developmental Disabilities Services. These grant funds are made possible by the American Rescue Plan Act funds Indiana received from the federal government and are specifically targeted at improving services and supports for individuals with disabilities and their families.

This specific innovation opportunity was designed for providers, community partners and self-advocates who were interested in engaging in novel efforts and approaches to inform HCBS waiver redesign, further explore existing recommendations from the 1102 Taskforce, and individual and family stakeholder feedback.

When BDDS made this opportunity available, the Bureau had no idea what kind of reception it would receive and were delighted to receive a total of 133 applications! These applications ranged in size and reach of proposed projects. Overall, the applications reflected creative ideas to address identified needs.

In the last few months, BDDS has thoroughly reviewed and vetted all 133 applications. Forty-eight Phase 1 grants were offered to a total of 42 unique entities, six entities were offered two grants each. Approved Phase 1 applications are for projects in every region of Indiana. Approved Phase 1 applications cover a range of topics including: job training and employment opportunities for individuals, family and unpaid caregiver training, training and supports for paid providers, remote and digital supports, payment model redesign, new residential support models, system navigation support, end of life supports, and other potential new or alternative service options.



To maximize BDDS' ability to fund as many projects as possible, Phase 1 awards were divided into 3 tiers: Tier 1-Projects which must total \$100,000 or less, Tier 2-Projects which must total \$250,000 or less, and Tier 3-Project with cost and scale to be determined by Phase 2 submission.

We are happy to announce the following entities who are moving on to Phase 2 of the IPP process.

- Abby Key Consulting
- Abundant Quality Care LLC
- Advocacy Links Advocacy and Resource Center
- Alchera, Inc. dba Safe in Home
- Booth & Company, Inc.
- CommuniCare Health Services
- Connections Case Management
- Developmental Services, Inc.
- Dungarvin Indiana, LLC
- Easterseals Crossroads
- GXO Logistics
- Hillcroft Services, Inc.
- Indiana Family to Family
- Indiana Professional Management Group
- Indiana University Trustees
- Insights/ViaQuest Community Solutions
- Kestrel Behavioral Health
- Keys For Success, LLC
- LEL Home Services
- LOGAN Community Resources, Inc.
- Merry Juerling and Balanced Cents
- Morning Light Inc.
- New Horizons Rehabilitation, Inc.
- New Star
- Night Owl Support Systems
- Optimal Rhythms, Inc.
- Pure Abilities
- REACH Columbus, Inc.
- Resounding Joy
- Southern Indiana Resource Solutions, Inc. (SIRS)
- StationMD Professional Corporation
- Stone Belt ARC, Inc.
- Sycamore Rehabilitation Services, Inc.
- Tangram, Inc.

- Tendercare Home Health Services Inc.
- The Arc of Evansville
- The Arc of Greater Boone County
- The Arc of Indiana Foundation-Erskine Green Training Institute
- The Arc of Northeast Indiana dba Easterseals Arc of Northeast Indiana
- Volunteers of America Mid-States
- Wabash Center, Inc.

Over the next few months, approved Phase 1 entities will develop their Phase 2 application and submit to BDDS for review. Once we have approved Phase 2 applications, we will share an overview of the pilot project areas of focus. We look forward to seeing the positive impacts these pilots will have in the lives of Hoosiers with disabilities, their families, and those who support them.

We would also like to thank all those who put time and effort into the BDDS Innovation Pilot Project Grant opportunity but were not ultimately selected to move forward. We truly appreciate and value your interest in empowering individuals to live, love, learn, work, play and pursue their dreams!

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