

## TIPS FOR SELECTING A PLACE TO LIVE

### Program Questions

- Do I get a choice of available homes, apartments, condos, etc.?
- Can I go look at all of the places you have to offer to see which one I like best?
- Do I get to participate in scheduled and unscheduled events in the community?
- Do I get to shop, attend religious services, schedule appointments, have lunch with family and friends, etc., in the community as I choose? Do you provide the transportation?
- Can I smoke, drink, and go to clubs?
- How many people live in this home?
- Can I meet and speak with the other people who live in the home?
- Do I get to choose who works with me and interview potential new staff?
- What do you look for in the new staff you hire?
- Can I meet the staff who are currently working in the home I am interested in?
- What happens if I don't like them or want to move?
- Do I get my own room or do I have to share a room?
- Do I get to choose my roommate/housemate?
- Will I have a key to my house?
- Will I have a lease?
- Do I get the option to not let people in my house and bedroom?
- Will you take me to my doctor and other kinds of appointments?
- Will you take me to and from day services or to my workplace if needed?
- Can I have visitors any time I want?
- Can I visit friends and family and go on trips with them?
- Can I have my girlfriend/boyfriend over to visit?
- Can I have friends spend the night?
- Will I have the ability to make private calls, use of a computer, or other means to communicate with friends and family?
- Do I get to choose when and what to eat, when to bathe, sleep, exercise, etc.?
- How will you make sure I am getting enough to eat?
- Can my family members visit and take me on vacation?
- Can you manage and provide for my specific support needs?
- How will you get my feedback about how I think you are meeting my needs?

### Administrative Questions

- What is your complaint/grievance procedure?
- What is your policy on Abuse, Neglect, Mistreatment, and Exploitation?

What is your policy on the use of restraints?  
Is your organization certified by the state?  
How do you handle emergency situations such as weather and medical emergencies?  
Do you have a nurse on-site or available if needed?  
How long have your staff been with you?  
What kind of training do they have to have?  
Are they full time or part time?  
How long have you been in business?  
What experience does the Executive Director have?  
Is information about people kept confidential?  
Do you have insurance on this home?  
Who will be the staff working with me? Can I meet them?  
Do you do background checks on all staff?  
Do I or my family have expenses we are responsible for? What are these? Who manages the expenses?  
Who gets my check? Can I manage my own money? Will you help me if I need it?  
Will you let my family and friends know if I am ill or not feeling well?