

TradeWinds provides the support needed to thrive in a home of choice within the community.

Options include family homes, independently owned or TradeWinds owned homes/apartments, in Crown Point, Griffith, Hobart, Lake Station, Merrillville, Schererville & Valparaiso.



“Focus on your potential instead of your limitations”
~ Alan Loy McGinnis ~

What is Medicaid Waiver Services?

Medicaid Waivers, which is also referred to as Community Based Services, allows Medicaid to fund supports and services for children and adults with disabilities in his/her family homes or community residential programs instead of institutions. Medicaid waivers allow a participant to use traditional Medicaid services along side the additional services the Medicaid Waiver program provides.

TradeWinds’ Vision

The vision of TradeWinds is to be the leading provider for adults and children with barriers to enhance their full potential in the community.

Organization Values

The following are the core values that guide our organization:

- * Respect*
- * Professionalism*
- * Integrity*
- * Teamwork*
- * Compassion/Patience*
- * Quality*



**TradeWinds
Realizing Potential**

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RESIDENTIAL SUPPORTED LIVING

**Semi-independent
residential living
for adults, 18 & over,
who have special needs**



***Serving people with special needs
by empowering them to realize
their full potential.***

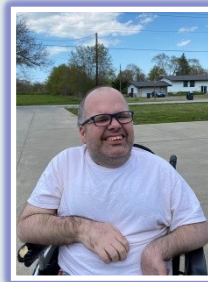
“I am always doing that which I cannot do, in order that I may learn how to do it”

~ Pablo Picasso ~



Supported Living

- For adults with special needs who wish to live in housing of their choice, but need supports.
- Trained staff members provide a wide range of services (arranging transportation, assisting with medical records and appointments, etc.) for safe, healthy living within the community
- The program encourages a fulfilling life experience while fostering a sense of self-sufficiency



“He who is not courageous enough to take risks will accomplish nothing in life.”

~ Muhammad Ali ~

Intake Process

When our agency receives a referral from the State Case Manager, the referral packet will be reviewed by the TradeWinds Admissions team. After the referral packet is thoroughly reviewed, it will be determined by the team if TradeWinds can successfully meet the needs of the participant and provide service to the participant. All necessary documents will be requested by the Admissions Coordinator and once received, the documents will be secured in the main file room. TradeWinds will work with the state case manager, family & participant to successfully transition the participant to TradeWinds Waiver services.

Prospective participants must have funding through the state Bureau of Developmental and Disability Services (BDS) or pay privately to qualify for Supported Living.

For more information, call 219-945-0100.

“There is no greater disability in society, than the inability to see a person as more.”
Robert M. Hensel



Location of Services

The Community Integration and Habilitation (CIH) Waiver program provides Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) to participants residing in a range of community settings as an alternative to care in an intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual disabilities or autism. Entrance into services under the CIH Waiver occurs only when an applicant has been determined by the Division of Disability and Rehabilitative Services (DDRS) to meet the criteria of one or more federally approved waiver categories, a funded slot is available, and DDRS also determines that other placement options are neither appropriate nor available.

When CIH Services has been deemed appropriate, and a waiver slot in the specific waiver capacity category met by the applicant remains open, participants may choose to live in their own home, family home, or community setting appropriate to their needs.

The CIH Waiver provides access to meaningful and necessary home and community-based services and supports, seeks to implement services and supports in a manner that respects the participant's personal beliefs and customs, ensures that services are cost-effective, facilitates the participant's involvement in the community, fosters the participant's development of social relationships in their home and work communities and encourages the participant's independent living.