

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

Group Home options include: two ladies homes located in St. John and Crown Point; and four men's homes in Hobart, St. John, and Crown Point.



"Focus on your potential instead of your limitations"
~ Alan Loy McGinnis ~

All our Group Home referrals are received through the Bureau of Developmental Disabilities Service (BDS). Please contact the BDS office for more information.

To apply for the Medicaid Waiver and/or Group Home placement, contact the Bureau of Developmental Disabilities Services (BDS) local district office:

District 1: 110 W Ridge Road

Gary, IN 46408-2709

Phone: 219-981-5313

Toll Free: 1-877-218-3053

Toll Free Fax: 1-855-455-4265

Jasper, Lake, Newton, Porter, Pulaski & Starke

Website: www.in.gov/fssa/ddrs

Application for BDS Services:

<https://bddsgateway.fssa.in.gov/>

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 GROUP HOME LIVING



Residential living
in the community
for adults,
18 & over,
who need additional
support 24/7.

Empowering individuals of varying abilities to live to their fullest potential with dignity, integrity, choice and community inclusion.

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

~ Pablo Picasso ~



Residential Group Home Living

Each home features single or shared bedrooms (options vary on location), bath facilities, a full eat-in kitchen, laundry room, & common areas, indoors & out, for relaxing & socializing with family and friends. All residents participate in essential daily living tasks based on ability, learning the skills necessary to do laundry, cook, clean, & generally maintain their home.

When it's time to relax, residents can choose various activities such as watching TV, reading, playing cards or board games, listening to music, arts & crafts, or video games.

Trained staff are always on-site to help residents develop independent living skills. Comprehensive medical care is available around the clock with TradeWinds' dedicated Residential Nursing program. Each home has a TradeWinds vehicle for trips into the community for recreation, restaurants, shopping, errands to the bank or post office, and medical appointments. A monthly activities calendar typically includes outings to the bowling alley, the "Y", parks, local concerts, theater performances, or community festivals.



Intake Process

When our agency receives a packet from the BDS office, the Residential Coordinator sets up a meet & greet with the individual & current caregivers and TradeWinds Nursing team. If the individual is interested in moving forward, 3 trial visits to the home are set up. If all believe this is a good fit, a transition meeting involving Group Home staff, nurse, BDS, the individual & family or caregiver - then a move-in date is decided.

All necessary documents will be requested by the Residential Coordinator and once received the documents will be secured in the main file room. The family and individual will be asked prior to the start of services to provide some likes/dislikes and different activities they would like to participate in, so a schedule can be developed prior to the start of Group Home living.

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

For more information, call 219-945-0100.

**"He who is not courageous enough
to take risks
will accomplish nothing in life."**

~ Muhammad Ali ~



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



Location of Services

Group Home living provides Medicaid homes 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 through Group Homes only occurs when the BDS office has completed a eligibility packet for the individual.

Group Home living provides access to meaningful and necessary home and community-based services. Staff seek to implement services and supports to respect the individual's personal beliefs and customs, ensure services are cost-effective, and facilitate the individual's involvement in the community. Staff strive to encourage the individual's development of social relationships in the home and the community, supporting them to live as independently as possible.

