



# Frequently Asked Questions

My Housing Voice is a project to shed light on the housing preferences of people with autism, intellectual or developmental disabilities (A/I/DD) in Northeast Wisconsin.

Your voice will be key to unlocking new options in our community!

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## About the Project

### What is My Housing Voice?

My Housing Voice is a project designed to understand the housing preferences and support needs of people with autism, intellectual or developmental disabilities (A/I/DD) in Northeast Wisconsin.

The project collects input from self-advocates, families, and caregivers so community leaders can better understand what types of housing and supports should be developed in the region.

### What is My Housing Voice?

The goal is to gather local data that helps communities create more supportive housing models and inclusive neighborhoods. The results will help inform housing development, policy discussions and long-term community planning.

### Why is this study needed?

Many adults with autism and/or intellectual or developmental disabilities (A/I/DD) have limited housing options in Northeast Wisconsin. People also have different levels of support needs, from living independently with occasional help to needing more regular support, and many need affordable housing due to limited income. My Housing Voice will gather input from self-advocates and families to help communities understand what types of housing and support services are needed.

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## Education & Input Sessions

### What happens during a session?

The session includes two parts.

First, participants learn about different housing models, features, and supports that can help adults with A/I/DD live successfully in the community.

Second, participants complete a detailed survey to share their housing preferences.

### Is this a list of places currently available to live?

No. The presentation does not provide a list of housing openings or available placements. It focuses on housing features and models that exist in other communities and could potentially be developed in Northeast Wisconsin.

### How long does the session take?

The educational presentation lasts about 45 minutes.

Following that, the survey takes approximately 30–45 minutes to complete.

### Will there be food?

Yes! Most sessions will include a light meal. See [RSVP](#) details when you register.

### What do I need to bring?

Please bring a laptop, tablet or a smart phone to participate in the survey. We will have a few spare devices for people who do not have one.

### How do I register?

Fill out the [RSVP form](#).

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## Participating in the Survey

### Who can participate?

People with autism or intellectual/developmental disabilities, their family members, siblings, caregivers, and supporters are all welcome to participate.

The study focuses on Brown, Outagamie, Calumet, and Winnebago counties in Wisconsin. People from other Wisconsin counties can also participate.



## **Do I have to attend in person?**

No. Both in-person and virtual sessions will be available.

We encourage you to attend in-person sessions, because there are people there who can answer your questions. Of course, we understand it may work better for you to do this online at a time of your choosing.

To complete the survey online, you can watch the presentation and complete the survey [here](#).

## **How do I take the survey?**

At a live session:

- The survey is completed electronically using a phone, tablet, or laptop.
- Please bring your own device with you. Limited tablets may be available on request with your registration.
- There are two versions available: a full survey and a shorter version designed for self-advocates who prefer a simplified format.

At home/online:

- You can also complete the survey online/at home on any device connected to the internet

The survey is about 50 questions.

## **Do I need to complete the survey during the session?**

Participants are encouraged to complete the survey during the in-person session while support is available. However, it can also be finished later online if necessary. The survey will be open online through May 16, 2026.

## **Are my answers private?**

Yes. Your answers are completely private.

The survey does not collect any personal information that would link your answers to you. When the results are published, information is grouped together so nobody could tell who gave what answers.

## **Who should take the plain language survey?**

The plain language survey is intended for self-advocates who want to complete the survey on their own. It is approximately half the length of the main survey.

For a full picture of housing and service preferences, we encourage people to complete the main survey if possible.



Keep in mind that you may complete both surveys. For example, a family member completes the main survey on behalf of the person with A/I/DD and the self-advocate completes the plain language survey.

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## About the Housing Market Analysis

### Who is conducting the housing market analysis?

The analysis is conducted by [First Place Global](#), the research arm of the nonprofit First Place Arizona. The organization has completed housing market analyses in multiple communities across the United States.

### How will the results be used?

The survey results will be compiled into a comprehensive **report expected in late 2026**. The findings will be shared with community leaders, housing developers, service providers, and policymakers to help guide future housing development.

### Who is funding the project?

The project is funded by a grant from the Basic Needs Giving Partnership (BNGP).

CAP Services serves as the fiscal agent.

### What is KeysWI?

KeysWI is a new organization working to expand housing choices and community living opportunities for people with autism and developmental disabilities in Wisconsin. My Housing Voice is the first initiative of KeysWI.

