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The **Westchester Institute for Human Development (WIHD)**, with funding from the Developmental Disabilities Planning Council (DDPC), is pleased to announce a new program:

Enabling and Assistive Technology to Promote Non-Certified Housing Options for Individuals with Intellectual and/or Developmental Disabilities



Individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities (IDD) as well as the aging population, frequently desire to remain in their homes or live independently rather than move to nursing homes or certified housing options. However, regulatory, fiscal, or legal requirements often conspire to reduce housing options to costly and more restrictive options.

The goal of this program is to promote independent living in non-certified housing for individuals with IDD through the use of enabling and assistive technology. WIHD will work to identify, support and provide enabling/assistive equipment to individuals with IDD across New York State, with the following three partner Technology Related Assistance for Individuals with Disabilities (TRAID) sites:



If enrolled in the program at one of the TRAID sites, individuals will be asked to:

- Participate in a virtual assessment that would allow sites to identify strengths and needs as well as create a customized plan for appropriate housing technology.
- Work with the customized plan that includes enabling/assistive technology solutions and continued technical assistance to ensure the appropriate use of technology for independent living. Enabling/assistive technology can be changed until the optimal arrangement is identified; the equipment can then be kept by each individual.
- Share personal experiences and feedback with program staff by contributing to social media posts, stories, videos, interviews, and program materials to highlight progress and accomplishments.

For more information, please contact _____ at your TRAID site.