

## Two Year Pilot Wraps Up

As the final pilot year of LIGHTS wraps up, we look at some of the program's past achievements and highlights. We look forward to an exciting future of creating more opportunities for families to help their children achieve independence and the security of living in their own home with the support of their families, friends and caregivers;

As of October 2012, LIGHTS achieved the following:

- 200 families had inquired about the program
- 58 families were assisted in the development of a person-directed plan towards their LIGHTS goals
- 21 developed a budget plan
- 13 families applied and were successful in receiving funding from LIGHTS

During its pilot, a major achievement was celebrated when three families supported by LIGHTS were approved for annualized government residential funds for their living arrangements and no longer required funding support.

## The Survey Says

In addition to helping individuals with an intellectual disability find a home to call their own, a customer satisfaction survey revealed that LIGHTS:

- increased families' knowledge of alternative living arrangements
- improved families resource connections
- assisted in developing feasible and detailed budgets with families
- families were very satisfied with the LIGHTS services
- families would recommend LIGHTS to others in same situation

Currently, there are approximately 2,400 individuals on the wait list for residential supports in Toronto, with families becoming increasingly concerned that services for them will only be available on a crisis level. As we continue to raise funds and awareness of the LIGHTS initiative, we believe this program has the potential for further growth in Toronto, as well as be replicated in other communities as a successful housing alternative to individuals with intellectual disabilities.

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