

Through person-directed planning, LIGHTS will empower and assist families in creating their own living arrangements that are based on their family member's dreams and goals. LIGHTS will help families find creative ways to achieve affordable and accessible living options, using community resources, personal real estate assets, trust funds, government supports and when needed, the LIGHTS Fund. Families will have the opportunity to join a virtual community on Connect**ABILITY**.ca to network with other families seeking similar outcomes.

Eligibility Criteria to Access the LIGHTS Network:

- Applicant must have an intellectual disability and be eligible for supports in the developmental services sector as assessed through Developmental Services Ontario -Toronto Region (DSOTR). Visit www.dsontario.ca for more information or call 1-855-372-3858.
- The applicant must be at least 18 years of age.
- Applicant must live within and be seeking residential opportunities within the city of Toronto.
- The applicant and family want to connect with other families and individuals.
- The applicant and family want to explore future living arrangements, options and partnerships.
- The applicant and family are willing to develop a comprehensive plan/budget.
- The applicant and family are prepared to self manage a living situation.

Once a family and individual have developed a comprehensive plan and budget and it is determined that they require interim funding, they may wish to apply for LIGHTS Funding. The Facilitator will assess their eligibility for funding against predetermined criteria. Please see "*Eligibility Criteria Funding*".