

January 30th, 2025

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to you as a consumer that has/is using the North Dakota Transition and Diversion Pilot Project (formerly ADRL) with Options Center for Independent Living.

When I started I was in desperate need of moving out of my apartment into an apartment that didn't have steps at the entrance. I need a first-floor apartment with no stairs.

Because of the assistance the Center for Independent Living my life has changed in the following ways: I moved out of my last apartment that had a lot of stairs at the door. My Transition Coordinator helped buy me blankets, pillows, stuff for my kitchen. The grant assisted me with deposit to include first month's rent.

Consumers would like to receive services in their home rather than an institutional setting and the North Dakota Transition and Diversion Pilot Project can assist with that. Please support HB 1012 for continued funding for NTDPP and allow consumers to live independently.

Sincerely,

Joseph Restemayer

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When I started I was in desperate need of a job and a new apartment. NDTDP helped me with my deposit to include first month's rent. The grant helped me get on my feet when I moved to Grand Forks so I wasn't alone.

Because of the assistance the Center for Independent Living my life has changed in the following ways: I was living in a Transitional Living Home in Jamestown but I like to be on my own. I am able to take care of my medications. I have a job at Dairy Queen, which I like a lot. The grant helped me pay for pots and pans and everything I need for cooking. I am warm during the winter when it is cold so the included heat is helpful. The air conditioner is included too. I like where I live because it is close to my job.

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Seleen Pankratz

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I am writing to you as a consumer that has/is using the North Dakota Transition and Diversion Pilot Project (formerly ADRL) with Options Center for Independent Living.

When I started I was in desperate need of a phone, furniture, dishes, and everything you need to get set up in an apartment. All I had was a tv, bed, and chair. My Transition Coordinator was able to get me a couch, kitchen table and chairs, dishes, and pots and pans. NDTDPP was able to pay for my deposit to include first month's rent to get me set up at home. Things are going really good.

Because of the assistance the Center for Independent Living my life has changed in the following ways: I am almost totally independent now. I have people that come into my apartment that help me with my dishes and vacuuming. I can't see the floor very well because I am blind. I was in a basic care facility and I did not like people coming into my room and bugging me. I get to keep my own schedule, can have guests, and pretty much do whatever I want. My Transition Coordinator also got me motorized scooter so that I can go to the grocery store and run errands. I also have a friend that helps me with my grocery shopping.

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Leslie Hilliard