

Partners for Change

Who are we: We are a coalition of individuals, self-advocates and groups who provide services to, and advocate on behalf of, those labeled with an intellectual disability. Its' basic concern is that the quality of programs, services and facilities available to those with intellectual disabilities has been deteriorating, and that government's commitment have been insufficient to foster a climate that would be better contribute to their greater inclusion into the community. As a result, Partners for Change developed a position entitled "Having a Home". The goals for the coalition have been outlined as follows:

By 2007 The Province of Prince Edward Island will commit to **No New Admissions** of Islanders with Intellectual Disabilities to Hillsborough Hospital, Sherwood Home, Community Care Facilities, Manors or Private Nursing Homes.

By 2007 The Province of Prince Edward Island will not authorize any expenditures of public funds to support residential placement of persons with intellectual disabilities under 60 years of age in any and all community care facilities across PEI.

By 2010 The Province of Prince Edward Island will reduce by at least 50% those in inappropriate settings like provincial/government run long term care facilities, nursing homes/manors, community care facilities and .

By 2015 all supported living is based on choice, self-determination, and individualized funding.

By 2015 People with intellectual disabilities have access to a full range of housing options in the community.