





The LifeCourse Framework Introduction





Community of Practice for Supporting Families of Individuals with Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities

About the Community of Practice

The National Community of Practice for Supporting Families of Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities will help five states develop systems of support for families throughout the lifespan of their family member with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The objective of the grant is to develop systems of supports for families throughout the lifespan of their family member.

Facilitating the Community of Practice Grant partners include

- National Association of State Directors for Developmental Disability Services (NASDDDS)
- University of Missouri-Kansas City Institute for Human Development (UMKC-IHD)
- Human Services Research Institute (HSRI)
- National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities (NACDD)

Goals of the CoP

The goals of the Community of Practice are:

- to create a model framework for supporting families that addresses the needs of families with a family member with I/DD across the lifespan and supports states to develop and sustain exemplary family support practices.
- to develop and facilitate a multi-level Community of Practice designed to build capacity within states and the nation to create policies, practices, and systems to better assist and support families that include a member with I/DD across the lifespan.
- to capture and share lessons learned and products to develop, implement and sustain exemplary practices to support families and systems

The Goal of Supporting Families

The overall goal of supporting families, with all of their complexity, strengths and unique abilities is so they can best support, nurture, love and facilitate opportunities for the achievement of self-determination, interdependence, productivity, integration, and inclusion in all facets of community life for their family members.



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Learn about policies and practices for supporting families, find resources connect with the Community of Practice, and share your ideas about supporting families:



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The Community of Practice (CoP) Supporting Families throughout the Lifespan is operated under a five year grant awarded to NASDDDS by the Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AIDD) beginning October 2012.





Connecticut's Accomplishments





































































CONNECTICUT'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS





Daily Living: The CT Council on Developmental Disabilities has incorporated LifeCourse planning into its Customized Employment project.









Community Living: The CT ARC, through funding provided by the CT Council on Developmental Disabilities, developed a housing booklet that incorporated LifeCourse thinking throughout the guide.





Safety & Security: CTDDS has been meeting with Benefits Planners and Financial Planners across the state to assist them to incorporate LifeCourse Planning into their everyday practices.





Healthy Living: The CT Department of Public Health is in the process of applying the LifeCourse domains and other LifeCourse information into its planning tools.





Social & Spirituality: UCONN-UCEDO has incorporated LifeCourse practices into the activities that it has done with various religious organizations. A focus on using LifeCourse practices in community groups is a "next step" in CT's plan of action.





Citizenship & Advocacy: PATH has implemented a variety of activities to help youth groups, sibling groups and family mentor use LifeCourse practices and principles in the work they do. Many of the CT LifeCourse Ambassadors are family members who have been trained to help spread the word about LifeCourse planning.







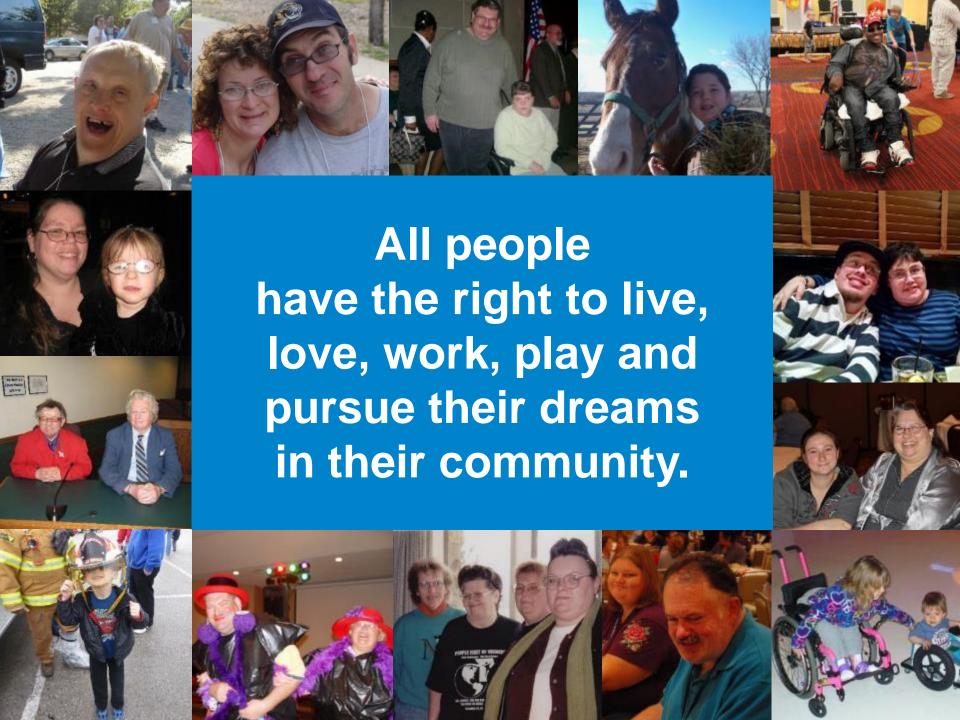


Services: CT has trained family members, community members, private agency staff and DDS staff to become LifeCourse Ambassadors. Ambassadors help stakeholders to understand the LifeCourse principles and practices; to use the LifeCourse tools and to promote the use of technology by DDS stakeholders. Ambassadors have also participated in the DDS IP workgroup which is charged with making the DDS Individual Plan (IP) more person-centered.

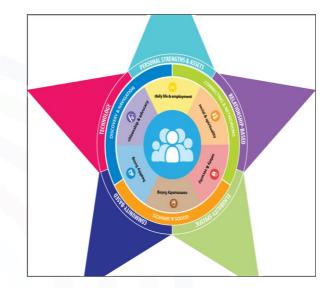








Charting the LifeCourse **Guiding Principles** Core Bellef: All people have the right to live, love, work, play and pursue their life aspirations just as others do in their community. Focusing on ALL 100% 4.9 million 25% national citizens with percentage developmental receiving state disabilities DD services Based on 149% prevalence, US Census 2013. Braddock et al. State of the State 2013. Life Stages and Life Domains Daily Life & Employment: Prenatal/Infancy Early years, wondering if meeting What you do as part of everyday life-school, employment, volunteering, communication, developmental milestones routines, life skills. Early Childhood Community Living Preschool age, getting a diagnosis Where and how you live-housing and living options, community access, transportation, home modifications. School Age Safety & Security Everyday life during school years Staying safe and secure-emergencies, well-being, guardianship options, legal rights and issues. Healthy Living Transitions from school to adult life- Realizing school Managing and accessing health care and is almost over? staying well-medical, mental health, behavior, developmental, wellness and nutrition. Adulthood Social & Spirituality Living life as an adult Building friendships and relationships, leisure activities, personal networks, faith community. Citizenship & Advocacy Building valued roles, making choices, setting Getting older and preparing for end of life (parent/ goals, assuming responsibility and driving how family/individual) one's own life is lived.





CT DDS LifeCourse Link

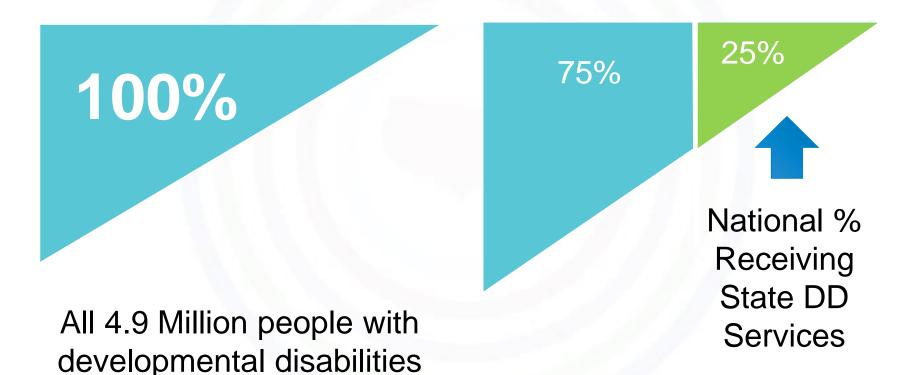
National Supporting Families Community of Practice link http://supportstofamilies.org/

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Focus on "ALL"



^{**} Based on national definition of developmental disability with a prevalence rate of 1.49%



Focusing on Life Experiences and Life Transitions

Summer jobs, babysitting

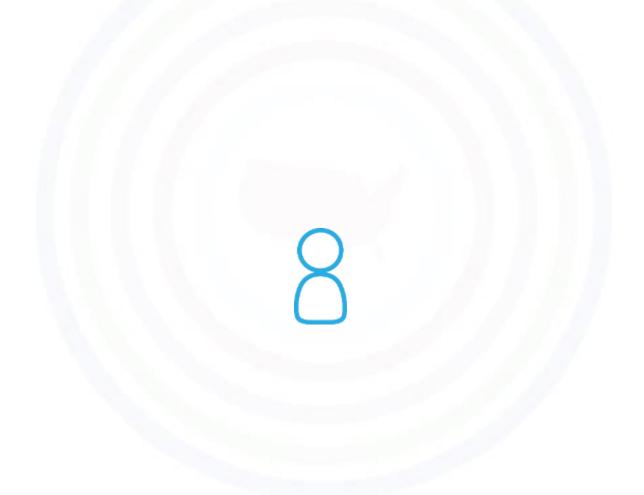
for Life Experiences"

Chores and allowance Learning to say "no" Making Mistakes Playing sports or an instrument **NII** RATI My parents have Birthday parties with friends passed away, MI what do I do? Scouts, 4H, faith groups Parents Turn 65 Medicare & SSDI Living Transition Turning 18. Adult Life planning Leaving school at 18 or 21 Leaving Early "Anticipatory Guidance Childhood/

enter school



Getting New Diagnosis







Focusing on Quality of Life Domains



Community Living (housing, living options, home adaptations and modifications, community access, transportation)



Healthy Living (medical, behavioral, nutrition, wellness, affordable care)



Daily Life and Employment (school/education, employment, volunteering, routines, life skills)



Safety and Security (emergencies, well-being, legal rights & issues, guardianship options & alternatives)



Social and Spirituality (friends, relationships, leisure activities, personal networks, faith community)



Citizenship and Advocacy (valued roles, making choices, setting goals, responsibility, leadership, peer support)









Relationship Based Supports Strengths and Assets Technology **Community Resources** pment: There is growing Relationship Based Supports: Technology: There is a growing Community: The Americans with Help for Those Who Are Eligible: There are helping people with Healthy relationships are a vital movement toward requiring that Disabilities Act (ADA) has helped people agency and other federal and state funded nd their families to grow with disabilities become more component of health and wellbeing. people with cognitive disabilities have that provide support to people in need who There is compelling evidence that independent and involved in their world for the services provided. These services as ets. The assumption is equal access to technology and strong relationships contribute to a iduals with disabilities information. Access to technology is Living, working, learning, and being designed to help people with disabilities liv ts, they will be able to long, healthy, and happy life. Helping deemed key to helping people with engaged within a community is an poverty and build better people with disabilities to enhance disabilities realize full and equal essential way to help people with disabilities live a better life. personal relationships helps ensure a participation and a better life. The websites below are just a few of the or: better life. providing eligibility-based services. It is imp below provides The websites below provide families are provided information about the The websites below provide information on how to save and The websites below provide information on how people with IDD on ways to help make communities more ev: to increase assets information on how people with can use technology to stay safe; to accessible for people with IDD and ation and employment disabilities and their families can use make learning easier; to increase nrovides information on accessible General Information how to help people with expanded and enhanced personal independence, and to live an community-based social activities. • 211: A one-stop connection to local ser use personal strengths relationships as a source of support empowered life. utility assistance, food, housing, child o a better life. for building a better life. . CT ADA: Knowledge of the ADA can school programs, elder care, crisisinte • CT Tech Act Project: Assessment. he used to help communities much more http://www.211ct.org/ relopment Demonstration Sites, Funding become more accessible. Advocacy Ideas Loan Programs, Training t: The ABLE Act is federal http://www.jud.ct.gov/ADA/default. Connecticut Association for Human Se Groups/Organizations http://cttechact.com/#sthash.pU on that aims to ease htm Federal, state and local programs that I ARC CT: http://thearcct.org/ tPaiHm.dobs I strains faced by in CT: http://cahs.org/publications/pr CT Council on Developmental alswith disabilities by Connect Kids: Special Needs Fun help-people/ **Nisabilities**: Center on Technology and ax-free savings accounts Shuff http://www.ct.gov/ctcdd/site/de Disabilities: Assistive and e to cover qualified http://www.ct.gov/kids/cwp/view.as Connecting Connecticut Resource faultasp Instructional Technology s such as education, p?a=4072&q=478302 A Directory for Schools and Community CT Down Syndrome Congress: Supporting People with Learning and transportation. Organizations Serving Families With Ch http://www.ctdownsyndrome.or Disabilities ww.ablenrc.org/ · Fun Things to Do in CT Have Disabilities http://www.cpacinc.o http://www.ctdinstitute.org/ http://www.wegoplaces.com/thingscontent/uploads/2014/03/Connecting • CT Family Support Council: or Independence to-do-in-connecticut 2012 Mar14 Interactive.pdf http://www.ct.gov/dds/cwp/vie Standard Technology Tools Center: AIRC is a one w.asp?g=427738 Checklist For ource for information on 0-5 (Day Care/Pre-School) CT Department of Social Services: Prog



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ment Accounts (IDA).

laresources.acf.hhs.gov/

Middle and High School

middle and high.htm

http://assistivetech.sf.k12.sd.us/

Office of Early Childhood (OEC)

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Childcare and Camp Information

http://www.ct.gov/oec/cwp/view.as

people with disabilities

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http://www.ct.gov/dss/cwp/view.asp?a

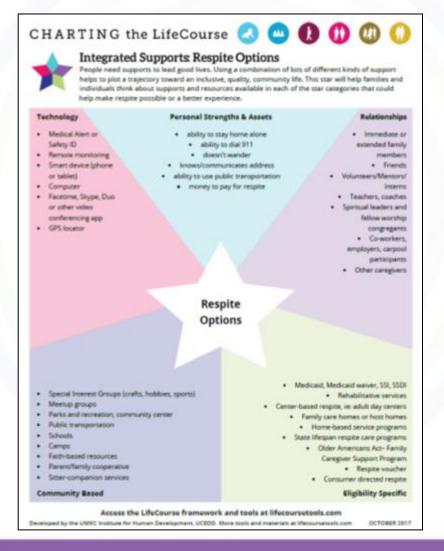
CT Parent Advocacy Center:

CT Cross Disability Alliance:

http://ctsilc.org/wp-

(CPAC) http://www.cpacinc.org/

LifeCourse Problem Solving



Peyton's Integrated School Story





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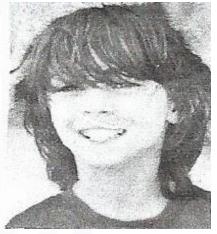


Using LifeCourse Planning at a PPT

"My name is Owen and I will be attending Brown in the fall.

I am here to tell you what I need to be successful next year - using the LifeCourse framework.

Let's start by me telling you about myself."



"Thank you for attending my PPT!"

My LifeCourse Portfolio Owen - ONE-PAGE PROFILE

What people like & admire about me

I am hilarious, quick witted, treat others nicely. Sweet and kind, competitive. Really good at video games, entertaining

What's Important to ME

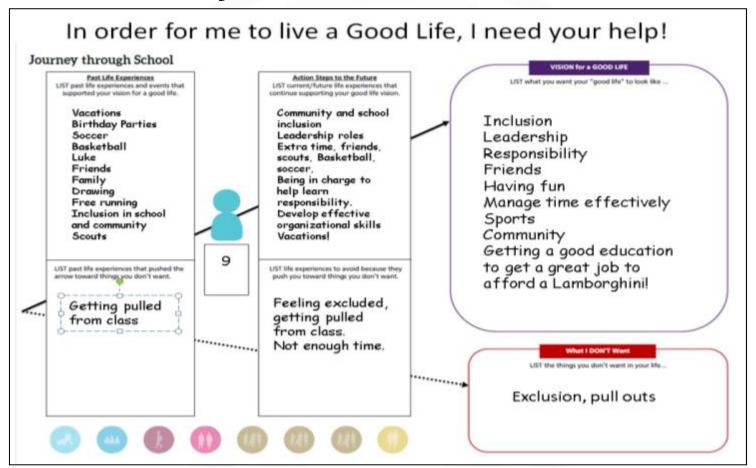
Family, friends, Milo, my dog, Ziggy, my guinea pig, getting things right the first time, free running, exercise, staying organized, Time People ask me what I want to do, drawing

How to Best Support ME

Extra Time Organizers Gentle reminders



My Vision of the Future





"On my Life Trajectory worksheet I have arrows that point up and arrows that point down. I always want my arrows to point up!"

My Strengths





Meet Ben







He will help us put the Life Course Planning Tools into action

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BEN'S ONE PAGE PROFILE!

WHAT PEOPLE LIKE & ADMIRE ABOUT ME

- I like to make other people feel good and be happy.
- I have a great smile and a contagious laugh. I frequently "get the giggles"!
- · I'm fun, silly and friendly!
- I am a dedicated volunteer in my community
- I am an Eagle Scout and an adult leader in scouting been involved in service through scouting since first grade.
- · I am a man about town!
- My tattoo!!
- My great hugs!
- I am willing to try new things...
- I remember songs and who sings them
- · I am not usually a complainer, even though sometimes I am in pain or uncomfortable

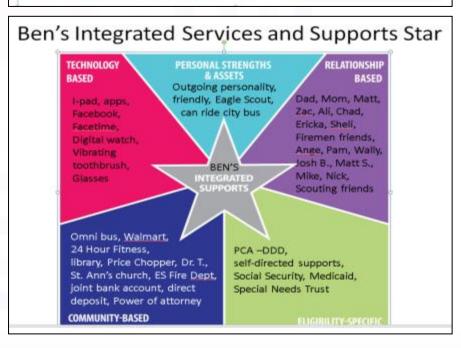
WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO ME

- · My family and friends
- Volunteering at the Fire Station, wearing my uniform and badge
- · Going to the library
- Going to church
- My TV, DVR, and radio/CD player (I like to play them all at once sometimes)
- My iPad
- WWE wrestling I love when my brother Matt takes me to live shows
- Nascar Racing(Jeff Gordon is my favorite driver)
- · Going to country music concerts
- Feeling like I belong
- Being like everybody else, not being treated differently
- Getting a tattoo (already planning my next tattoo)
- · Having control over my life as much as possible
- My Excelsior Springs Tigers especially football
- · Riding horses at NTRC
- Facebook friends
- · Having an occasional beer with friends
- · Having a purpose and being productive

HOW BEST TO SUPPORT ME

- I need help remembering things, like what I did or who I saw today.
- I get confused easily so I need help not getting lost or turned around when I am out and about.
- I know what times I am supposed to take my meds, but I need help getting them out and getting refills.
- I get anxious sometimes, need to be reassured that people I care about will be there for me.
- I don't like to spend time alone, but I am working on it, help me not be so anxious when I am alone for short periods of time.
- I sometimes need someone to steady me if I get off balance.
- I need to rest or extra support if I have to do a lot of walking or standing. If I am shopping, it helps if I am the cart-pusher.
- I need support keeping in touch with friends and family and practicing having good conversations.
- I'm friendly even though I may not look you in the eye at first

Ben's Life Trajectory Life Trajectory Worksheet Chones; boy scouts: Family and friends School inclusion/circle of friends: Volunteer at fire statford Girffriend Rind more volunteer ops: Birthday parties; Vacations Workout regularly: Riding blue Concerts; WWE; Nascar Keep in touch w/ friends: Figure by seacontic man Tattoos increase alone time; Church youth group: Go out with friends: Money; job or my own business Debit card: Spend daytime hours out Volunteer at fire station Footbull manager of the house; Being Tiger football manager Homscoming king: Explore micro enterprise: Volunteering. Church High School diploma Healthy & fit Good food; Pepsi Basketball Special education low Royals baseball Sitting athome expectations watching TV all day: Staying active Paraglued to Berr's side: Refy on paid supports: Pressure to segregate: Gain weight: Medication side effects; Esturihealthy foods or Scollosis: Poor health, heart disease, diabetes; chiele tour much Daniel Sectiones (callining); Poverty/no money: Physical barriers: Guardianship; institution/group home; Segregation/isolation; being lonely Being treated differently:



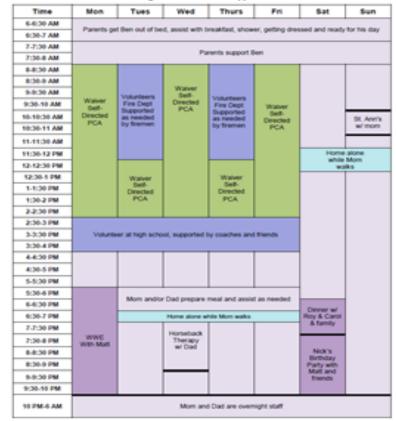


Long Term Support Needs – Before and After Integrated Support

Long Term Service and Support Needs

Long Term Service and Support Needs								
Time	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun	
6-6:30 AM								
6:30-7 AM	Parents get Ben out of bed, assist with breakfast, shower, getting dressed and ready for his day							
7-7:30 AM								
7:30-8 AM								
8-8:30 AM								
8:30-9 AM	1							
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9-9:30 PM								
9:30-10 PM								
10 PM-6 AM	Mom and Dad are overnight staff							

Long Term Service and Support Needs



Life Course in Action

How could you use the LifeCourse tools and thinking in your work?





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What is Charting the LifeCourse Planning?



The LifeCourse Framework was created by FAMILIES to help individuals and families of all abilities and ages develop a vision of a good life, think about what they need to know and do, identify how to find supports, and discover what it takes to live the lives they want to live. Even though it was originally created for people with disabilities, this universally-designed framework may be used by any person or family making a life plan, regardless of circumstances. LifeCourse Planning is built upon the core belief that people with disabilities and their families have the right to live, love, work, play and pursue their life aspirations just as others do in their community. Read more

What are the benefits of using Charting the LifeCourse Planning tools?



Personal Profile: Planning works best when individuals and families are able to successfully communicate to others about what is most important in the person's life. Use of the One-Page Profile provides an at-a-glance way of knowing what really matters to the person, and can be taken with them as they move through services and come into contact with different people. The Personal Profile helps others to understand what to pay attention to and what works best to create positive change for the person. Read more



Life Stage Trajectory: LifeCourse Planning helps families to envision what matters most. The "Charting the LifeCourse Experiences and Questions Booklet" can help families to make sure that the right questions are asked on behalf of their loved one. Use of the LifeCourse "Tools for Developing a Vision" form and the "Life Stages Trajectory" form can help both the person and his or her loved ones to prioritize what is most important and to help guide decisions about current and future life experiences that will help move the person toward an inclusive, productive life in the future. Read more



Integrated Supports: In the past, conversations about supports for people with disabilities mainly revolved around the supports offered by the disability system. LifeCourse Planning helps individuals and families access an array of integrated supports to achieve an envisioned good life, including those that are publically or privately funded and based upon eligibility: community supports that are available to anyone; relationship-based supports; technology, and supports that take into account the assets and strengths of the individual and family. LifeCourse Planning helps everyone realize that we ALL need an array of supports in our lives daily.









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CT Charting the LifeCourse website http://www.ct.gov/dds/ cwp/view.asp?a=2042 &q=591452



Re-evaluating current services – How many could we serve?

Type of Service	Cost per Person	Cost to Serve the Waiting List 122,870	People Served with \$5 M	
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Non-family HCBS	\$70,133 CT \$140,199	\$8,617,241,710	71 CT 36	
Host Family	\$44,122 CT \$51,687	\$5,421,270,140	777 113 CT 97	
Own Family	\$25,072 CT \$30, 390	\$3,080,596,640	₹ 100 ↑ ↑ ↑ 165	

Data Source: Lakin, K.C. MSIS and NCI data from 4 states (1,240 Individuals)

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