

Deaf-Blind and Living Independently

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Introduction of Presenters and Our Roles

- Halina Milewska: Deaf-Blind Specialist NC Division of Services for the Blind
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Living Independently and Choice

- Options for Living Independently
1. Home
 2. Apartment
 3. Assisted Living
 4. Supervised Independent Living



Community Supports

- National Agencies
- State Agencies
- City Providers
- Local Service Providers
- Churches
- Universities and Colleges
- Medical Providers
- Service Support Providers
- Non-Profit National And State Organizations



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It Takes A Village

• Person Centered Planning/Assessment

1. Consumers History
2. Communication
3. Mental Health
4. Housing
5. Transportation
6. Food



It Takes a Village part 2

7. Medical
8. Community Inclusion
9. Community Supports
10. Training
11. Vocational Rehabilitation
12. Technology

It Takes a Village part 3

- Team Meeting with Consumer/Plan of Action
- Follow Through
- Follow Up/Maintain Contact

Consumers Perspective

- History of Consumer & her Deaf-Blindness
- Training Provided
- Choosing to Live Independently



Consumers Perspective part 2

- Day in the Life of the Consumer
- 1. Bathing/Dressing
- 2. Cooking/Cleaning
- 3. Technology
- 4. Communication
- 5. Transportation
- 6. Community Inclusion
- 7. Interpreters
