Important Notes about ABLE's HOME Choice:


If you would like to know if you are eligible for HOME Choice services, contact the ABLE Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program.

(419) 259-2891 in Toledo

(800) 542-1874 toll-free

ombudsman.ablelaw.org

ABLE’s Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program serves Defiance, Erie, Fulton, Henry, Lucas, Ottawa, Paulding, Sandusky, Williams, and Wood Counties.

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Long-Term Care Ombudsman HOME Choice program gives you a choice about where you want to live.

The HOME Choice program (Helping Ohioans Move, Expanding Choice) is a transition program that assists older adults and persons of any age with any type of disability to move from long-term care facility (nursing home, hospital, or residential facility) to a home and community setting.

HOME Choice has changed Susan’s life for the better!

Services provided to Susan through the HOME Choice program are highlighted.
HOME Choice is designed to provide you or your family member with the support needed to help them move into a less restrictive, and far less costly community based setting. Working with family and discharge planners, an ABLE Ombudsman Transition Coordinator assists residents with applying to the program, finding housing, and coordinating benefits and services necessary to live alone.

Once you have been in a long-term care facility, it can be difficult to think about moving back into the community. Maybe you no longer have a home or access to services and support necessary for daily living.

ABLE’s Ombudsman Transition Coordinators will ensure that the right services are available to each individual, making their transition successful, safe and timely. Our transition coordinators help you plan and arrange for what you need while you are relocating. We help you find housing, coordinate your benefits, and obtain referrals to additional support and services.

Susan qualified for the program and chose the ABLE Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program as her HOME Choice Transition Coordinator. The HOME Choice Ombudsman Transition Coordinator worked with Susan, her boyfriend, and the nursing home social worker on safe and appropriate discharge planning. Susan needed a place to live, but had a limited monthly income. Her HOME Choice Ombudsman Transition Coordinator helped Susan locate subsidized housing for seniors. HOME Choice funds paid for the cost of transportation to look at housing, as well as for the cost of housing applications.

After Susan found an apartment she liked, the HOME Choice Ombudsman Transition Coordinator used HOME Choice funds to pay for the security deposit and first month’s rent. HOME Choice funds were also used to purchase furniture, household items, and start-up groceries for Susan’s new home. To ensure Susan’s health and safety needs were met, her Ombudsman Transition Coordinator worked with the nursing home discharge planner to ensure a home health nurse would visit to assist her with medication. The ombudsman also helped her complete applications to secure community Medicaid and food stamps.

Susan loves her senior apartment and told the ombudsman transition coordinator that her friends visit her more often now that she has her own place.