

# From Visions to Actions

*We have learned that . . . .*

- **Listening and assisting people to create a Vision, with a goal to helping the person begin to take some actions, supports their choices.**
- *Having a 'Vision' helps people, their families & friends, move forward even in small ways. It also means the person will see that those they trust are trying.*
- **Action steps come out of working toward a Vision, and are key to moving life forward. Visions will change and get adjusted as life unfolds.**
- *Visions can be expressed in many different forms: with words in a document, on a Vision Board, through a collection of images and photos in a file folder, as part of a plan, stated verbally to others and/or recorded on video by phone.*
- **There is no wrong time to create and then work toward a Vision.** Many people in Ontario (with their family and others) have taken steps toward their Vision (without waiting for funding). Some have asked more family and friends to join them in planning and for ideas, and looked at what's in their community & neighbourhood.
- **People decide to get their life started or to expand their life - using their Vision!**



Readiness and moving forward: People are active in the planning and evolution. Sometimes the person is ready faster than their parents or the work that needs to be done; it can feel slow.



People and families look to the future with a **vision** to live and contribute as everyday, ordinary citizens in their neighbourhoods and community.

## Everything cycles from and back to their vision of life as an everyday, ordinary citizen.



Thoughts are shared even before they are shaped. Ideas and possibilities evolve through conversations and listening to the person as their voice is strengthened.



Families have work to do in between. With regard to housing it could be exploring the community, speaking with municipalities, funders, service providers, financial lenders, lawyers, etc. The pieces start coming together.



An independent facilitator/broker walks with the person and their family assisting with the conversations at a pace the person directs and finds safe. Questions are explored together like: What would make a home “my home”?

