



AN INVITATION TO ALLEGHENY COUNTY PARENTS/FAMILY MEMBERS OF CHILDREN WITH COMPLEX DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

We are hoping that you will help us to learn more about how to support family life for Allegheny County's children with complex disabilities.

If you live in Allegheny County and are:

- **A parent or family member of a child under age 21 with a complex developmental disability;**
- **Who lives in a group facility now, OR**
- **Who you worry might need to be placed out of your home for any reason**

We would like to learn from you.

Why join in 1 or 2 group discussions with other parents and share your experiences?

The PA Imagine Different Coalition and the Allegheny County Promising Practice Team have received a grant to help the County learn about how families with children with developmental disabilities, such as intellectual disability, autism, or medical complexities feel about Lifesharing. In Lifesharing, a child's family, or another family they choose, receives financial support to provide a full- or part-time family home for the child.

We will provide a stipend to family members who participate in one of our Zoom discussion groups.

If interested, please complete a very brief survey at:

[Allegheny Family Survey](#)

If you received this invitation in paper form, and are interested in participating, please email Sallie Lynagh at slynagh@pealcenter.org to request the survey link.

We're very excited about this opportunity to learn how to better support families and children with complex support needs. As family members, **you have an extremely important and essential perspective.**

You can learn more about the Imagine Different Coalition at <http://www.imaginedifferent.org/>, or feel free to contact Coalition Organizer, Sallie Lynagh at slynagh@pealcenter.org with any questions you might have.