



Housing Options for Adults on the Autism Spectrum: *Options, Innovation and Opportunities*

Saturday, March 28
9:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Eisenhower Conference
Center

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Livingston, NJ 07039

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- 9:30 Registration/Breakfast**
- 10:00 Welcome**
Dr. Bruce Ettinger, *Executive Director, Spectrum360*
- 10:15-12:00 Call to Action: Understanding the System**
Overview of the challenges and issues in the current system for housing and housing supports for adults on the autism spectrum.
- The Housing Crisis**
Lisa Parles, Esq., *Parles Rekem, LLC*
- Family Finances and Public Funding for Community Living**
Diane Riley, *Supportive Housing Association*
Donald Brown, *a Special Needs Funding Coach*
- Working with Towns and Municipalities**
Tom Toronto, *Bergen County United Way*
- 12:00-12:30 Boxed Lunch/Networking**
- 12:30-2:00 Innovative, Family-Driven Supportive Housing: From Idea to Implementation**
Learn about three innovative models which were driven by families who had a vision for supportive housing based on the principles of inclusion.
- CoHome**
Nathaniel Diskint, *Executive Director*
Mike Conley, *parent*
- Wright Independent Life Option (WILO), Maplewood**
Keldrick Wright, *Founder*
- NEXT for AUTISM (Professional Family Teaching Model)**
Brad Walker, *VP Community Living Supports*
- 2:00-2:15 Closing Remarks and Next Steps**
Dr. Bruce Ettinger, *Executive Director, Spectrum360*
Dr. Danielle Taylor, *Assistant Director, Spectrum360*
- 2:15-3:00 Networking**
Interact with speakers to learn about the challenges and innovations encountered during their journey.



For more information or to register:
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