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LATE 1980's  
EARLY 1990's

**RESIDENTIAL SUMMARY**

NAME	CURRENT LIVING ARRANGEMENT	PREVIOUS LIVING ARRANGEMENT	PREVIOUS PER DIEM	CURRENT PER DIEM
Michael	SIP	GH	\$119.98	\$135.83
Mark	SIP	GH	115.63	103.10
Marjorie	SIP	NH	50.00	200.07
Betty Jane	Shared Lives	GH	119.98	113.15
Mary	Shared Lives	GH	113.68	77.73
Clint	Shared Lives	GH	212.87	140.64
Stacey	CTH	Natural family	N/A	68.58
Jonna	CTH	ICF/MR	206.08	52.47
Leslie	CTH	Natural family	N/A	54.46

**CODES:**

SIP -Supported Independence Program  
CTH -Community Training Home (Specialized foster care)  
GH -Group Home  
NH -Nursing Home  
ICF/MR -Institution

## MICHAEL

### BACKGROUND

Michael is a friendly 28 year old man. Michael is severely multiply impaired. He functions in the severe range of mental retardation. He has multiple physical disabilities and uses a specially adapted wheelchair. His medical diagnoses include cerebral palsy, spastic/athetoid quadriplegia, seizure disorder, congenital heart disease, and aortic valve disease with ventricular hypertrophy. Michael is dependent for all activities of daily living. To move to and from his wheel chair he requires two person tranfers due to his physical disabilitties and size. He is not verbal. He is not toilet trained.

Michael was placed at a state institution at the age of three. He moved from the institution to a group home in 1985 which he shared with eleven other people. In 1991 the group home was closed by creating smaller living situations. Michael was helped to move to an apartment with one of his former housemates.

### HOUSING

Michael lives in an apartment in a large apartment complex suburban Mt. Clemens which he shares with another man with similar disabilities. They are assisted by staff who are available whenever they are home.

### SUPPORT

Personal assistance is provided through a non-profit corporation which provides staffing 24 hours a day. The staff are available to provide d personal assistance, guidance and training and to provide transportation and assistance in using the community.

COST OF PREVIOUS PLACEMENT	\$119.98
ICF/MR 56% Medicaid	
COST OF CURRENT PLACEMENT	\$135.83
Medicaid Waiver	80.32
SSI	14.53
State GF/GP	40.98

## MARK

### BACKGROUND

Mark is a 34 year old man. He has multiple physical handicaps that are severely disabling including cerebral palsy, spastic quadriplegia, and scoliosis. He functions in the mild range of mental retardation. The severity of his physical handicaps require that he receive physical assistance for all of his needs. He is unable to transfer without help. He has good conversational skills although his speech is labored as a result of the cerebral palsy.

Mark was placed in an institution as a child. He moved to a group home in the community at the age of twenty. He moved into his own home six years ago.

### HOUSING

Mark shares a small ranch house with another man with similar disabilities in a suburban neighborhood in Troy. They have lived together for six years. The house is close to shopping, restaurants, and community resources.

### SUPPORT

Mark and his housemate receive assistance during waking hours (106 hours per week) from staff hired by a non-profit corporation. A live-in staff is available in case of an emergency at night. The house has been adapted for their wheelchair use. There is a van available to the home for transportation. The staff are provided to assist with personal care, laundry, housekeeping, cooking, cleaning, and transporting to social activities, medical appointments, and work. Mark and his housemate need a great deal of assistance but are able to direct much of their care.

COST OF PREVIOUS PLACEMENT	\$115.63
ICF/MR 56% Medicaid	
 COST OF CURRENT PLACEMENT	 \$103.10
Medicaid Waiver	80.32
SSI	14.32
State GF/GP	8.46

## MARJORIE

### BACKGROUND

Marjorie is a fifty-nine year old woman who has lived almost all of her life in facility care. She has multiple physical and medical disabilities. Because of her severe disabilities and "borderline" mental retardation she was placed at the age of seven in a state institution for people with mental retardation. She was discharged thirty years later into the nursing home system where she remained until she was 51 years old when she pressed the Governor's Office for a more appropriate living situation. She was able to move into a semi-independent apartment for three years and then able to move into her own apartment with her best friend in 1987.

Marjorie has a number of medical and physical disabilities including chronic renal insufficiency, neurogenic bladder, recurrent urinary tract infections, spastic paraplegia, scoliosis, history of pancreatitis, chronic cystitis, hypertension, gastro-esophageal reflux, cataracts, and arthritis. She has a nephrotomy tube in her right kidney. She uses a wheelchair and needs physical assistance for transfers.

### HOUSING

Marjorie lives in an apartment with her long-time friend in a large apartment complex in suburban Mt. Clemens. They have shared an apartment for four years. The apartment is wheelchair accessible.

### SUPPORT

Marjorie and her roommate receive assistance from staff during all waking hours due to their level of need for physical assistance. In November of 1991 Marjorie's health deteriorated necessitating kidney dialysis. The precariousness of her health necessitated adding staff hours to monitor and assist in the event of a medical emergency. Her roommate is unable to assist her due to her own physical and communication disabilities. All staffing is provided by a non-profit corporation. Staff are responsible for providing personal care and physical assistance, monitoring and assisting with medical treatments under the direction of the nurse and physician, assisting with housekeeping, shopping, and transportation for social opportunities and medical appointments.

COST OF PREVIOUS NURSING HOME PLACEMENT	\$50.00
(approximately)	
COST OF PREVIOUS PLACEMENT	\$80.26
SSI	18.92
State GF/GP	61.34
COST OF CURRENT PLACEMENT	\$200.07
SSI	14.53
State GF/GP	86.72
Enhanced Staffing	98.82

## BETTY JANE

### BACKGROUND

BJ is a 44 year old woman with a warm and inviting personality. She functions in the severe range of mental retardation. She is multiply handicapped with severe physical disabilities including spastic quadriplegia, choreoathetosis, and scoliosis. She is hearing impaired and has fibrocystic breast disease. She needs physical assistance for all of her personal care. She uses a wheelchair which she moves with her feet. She is non-verbal but can express herself in a limited way using gestures.

BJ was placed in an institution at the age of two. She moved to a nursing home before being placed in a group home in 1986. In the group home where she lived for five years she became attached to one of the staff who worked there. When it was decided to close the group home in favor of smaller, more personal living situations, the relationship that these two women shared became the focus of the new living situation. Mary Ellen, the staff person is a single mother who was renting an apartment for herself and her three year old son. She had significant child care costs related to maintaining employment. A proposal was suggested that suited both her personal needs and BJ's. The plan included BJ and Mary Ellen and her daughter relocating together, sharing their household, and enjoying their relationship while Mary Ellen continued her employment by caring for BJ's personal needs. This arrangement allowed Mary Ellen to maintain her income but without the expense of child care costs by working in the home she shared with BJ.

### HOUSING

BJ and Mary Ellen share a large, barrier free apartment that they chose together. Both women signed the lease. BJ pays for her share of the rent with her SSI, while a portion of Mary Ellen's rent is subsidized through her employment contract. The apartment is located in a suburban neighborhood in Utica.

### SUPPORT

BJ's personal care needs are met by Mary Ellen. Mary Ellen is an employee of a non-profit organization which holds an employment contract with her that outlines responsibilities and reimbursement arrangements. The non-profit also provides a pool of staff who provide respite of sixteen hour per week that supports the living arrangement so that BJ always has the assistance she needs while her roommate takes care of personal business and needs.

COST OF PREVIOUS PLACEMENT	\$119.98
ICF/MR 56% Medicaid	
COST OF CURRENT PLACEMENT	\$113.15
Medicaid Waiver	80.32
SSI	14.32
State GF/GP	18.51

## MARY

### BACKGROUND

Mary is an older person (age 72) who has been in the mental health system since her mother died 30 years ago. Mary has significant physical handicaps and is dependent on a wheelchair for mobility. Intellectually, Mary functions in the mild range of retardation. However, Mary also suffers from chronic depression. During Mary's depressive episodes she severely withdraws from basic activities. She becomes non-responsive. She refuses to eat or to attend to her basic needs. Mary has been sustained via tube feeding on several occasions. Her condition has become life-threatening to the point of requiring hospitalization. Mary has lived most of her life in institutions and nursing homes. She moved into a group home in the community in 1981. She moved to three other group homes before moving her current living situation in 1991. While at the last group home Mary became very attached to Debbie, a staff person who was assigned on a one-to-one basis to work with her. Debbie and Mary developed a close relationship. Mary's depressive episodes became less frequent and were not life threatening when Debbie worked with her. When Debbie went on a six month maternity leave Mary, again, became very withdrawn.

We wanted to create a housing situation where Mary and Debbie could live together. Debbie and her husband were living in a two bedroom apartment with their three children. Their home was not large enough for their own family and was not accessible to Mary's wheelchair. The solution was to find a large house which was barrier free where Mary and Debbie and her family could live together.

### HOUSING

We located a three bedroom home that was still under construction near Debbie's in-laws and close to her husband Alan's job. The builder planned to rent this home. He agreed to make some modifications that would make the house accessible for Mary. Mary signed a lease and sublets to Debbie and Alan.

### SUPPORT

Since Mary needs a great deal of assistance with personal care, we contract directly with Debbie to provide that care. More importantly, however, Debbie provides emotional support and companionship that is an outgrowth of her relationship with Mary. The maintenance of this relationship is seen as the primary focus of the contract.

COST OF PREVIOUS PLACEMENT	\$113.68
COST OF CURRENT PLACEMENT	77.73
Medicaid Waiver	63.11
SSI	14.32

## CLINT

### BACKGROUND

Clint is a 21 year old young man who is energetic and engaging, although sometimes disruptive. He functions in the severe range of mental retardation. He has a seizure disorder. His disruptive activities have included aggression, property destruction, and fecal smearing. He is very active and has sometimes run away from caregivers and entered neighbors homes and caused damage. The problems he has had have resulted in his displacement from numerous living situations.

Clint was placed in the mental health system by his family at the age of six when they could no longer manage his behavior at home. He lived with a foster family for thirteen years. When the foster mother had significant health problems, he was transferred to a number of group homes of short-lived duration at significant expense for enhanced staffing.

Clint has a trust fund that pays for his cost of care. After a number of placements without longevity, a decision was made to use the trust fund to purchase a home for Clint. The idea was that unsuccessful caregiving arrangements would result in movement of the caregivers rather than Clint. It was also felt that group living often with other people with similar problems was contributing to an environment that was not helpful to Clint. It was further felt that the most successful place Clint had lived was the specialized foster family. It was decided to recruit a surrogate family to live with Clint in his home.

### HOUSING

The house that was purchased for Clint is a nice tri-level on a quiet suburban residential street. Clint shares his home with a young couple.

### SUPPORT

The couple is paid a stipend OF \$1250 per month in addition to free rent and utilities. They receive an allowance for food, entertainment and gasoline. They are expected to provide 24 hour supervision and transportation. There is an arrangement with a non-profit provider through a separate contract to provide respite relief of eight hours a week and a weeks vacation to be used at the discretion of the couple.

COST OF PREVIOUS PLACEMENT	\$212.87
COST OF CURRENT PLACEMENT	\$140.64

## STACEY

### BACKGROUND

Stacey is a thirteen year old girl with severe multiple impairments. She functions in the profound range of mental retardation. She has multiple medical and physical handicaps including a seizure disorder, hypotonic quadriplegia, chronic bone disease, and chronic rhino insufficiency due to hypoplastic kidney and growth failure. She has a gastrostomy tube. She is totally dependent on others for all of her daily needs. She has required and may again require hemodialysis due to her kidney problems. She walks only with support but uses a wheel chair for distances.

Stacey was living with her single mother who was overwhelmed with her serious medical problem. She had had frequent hospitalizations. Her mom was unable to take her home after the last hospitalization and sought placement.

### LIVING ARRANGEMENT

Stacey lives with the Johns foster family. The family lives in a nice suburban neighborhood in Rochester. The family consists of Mr. and Mrs. Johns, their two teen age sons, two adopted sons who have multiple disabilities, and Stacey. Stacey has lived with the Johns family for eight years.

### SUPPORT

The Johns provide Stacey with a loving home and a specialized training program. They are supported in providing Stacey and her brothers care with 60 hours of in-home respite staffing which they are free to arrange to meet their needs.

<b>COST OF CURRENT PLACEMENT</b>	<b>\$68.58</b>
Specialized Foster Care Rate	\$14.27
SSI	18.92
Medicaid Personal Care	9.50
Enhanced Staffing/Respite	25.89



## JONNA

### BACKGROUND

Jonna is a 20 year old man with significant medical, physical, and intellectual disabilities and a wonderful smile. He functions within the profound range of mental retardation. His medical diagnoses include microcephaly, brittle diabetes, a seizure disorder, and cerebral palsy. He has a visual impairment. He uses a wheelchair. He has a long history of self-stimulatory and self-abusive behavior which includes sucking his hands, slapping his face, and biting his hands. He is non-verbal, not toilet trained and has a very short attention span.

Jonna was placed in an institution as a very young child. He remained in institutional settings until 1985 when he was placed with the Burr foster family.

### LIVING ARRANGEMENT

Jonna has lived with the Burr family for seven years. The family includes Mr. and Mrs. Burr and three foster children. They live in a ranch style home in rural Fenton. They have a swimming pool in their backyard which Jonna adores.

### SUPPORTS

The Burrs provide specialized foster care which includes their loving home, personal care and supervision, implementation of special training programs designed by an interdisciplinary team, and medical care and supervision. They receive 25 hours of staffing per week to assist them with their three multiply impaired children. They are able to arrange these hours to meet their needs including in-home assistance and respite.

COST OF PREVIOUS PLACEMENT	\$206.08
ICF/MR 56% Medicaid	
COST OF CURRENT PLACEMENT	\$52.47
Specialized Foster Care Rate	13.27
SSI	18.92
Medicaid Personal Care	9.50
Enhanced Staffing/Respite	10.78

## LESLIE

### BACKGROUND

Leslie is a thirteen year old girl who is very small for her age, weighing less than 50 pounds. She is severely-multiply impaired. She functions in the profound range of mental retardation. She has hypotonic quadriplegia, a seizure disorder, a history of apnea spells and frequent pneumonia, and a gastostomy tube for nutrition. Leslie's health status has been periodically precarious. She is totally dependent and unable to sit or walk independently. She can hold her head upright for only 5 to 6 seconds. She expresses herself by giggling or crying.

Leslie lived with her family until 1987, except when hospitalized which occurred frequently. When they felt they could no longer manage the stress of her medical fragility, she was placed in foster care. She moved to a second foster family home where she has lived since 1988.

### LIVING ARRANGEMENT

Leslie lives with the Drinkard family. She has lived with them for four years. The Drinkard family consists of Mr. and Mrs. Drinkard and their two children. The Drinkards live in a lovely home in semi-rural Rochester Hills.

### SUPPORT

The Drinkards provide specialized foster care for Leslie. This support includes a loving family home with specialized training to provide for her intense medical needs, the high level of personal care she needs, and positioning programs and other therapeutic interventions needed to respond to her physical disabilities. These in-home interventions are directed by an interdisciplinary team with whom the Drinkards work closely. They receive six hours a week of staffing to assist them at home or provide respite. They are able to arrange this assistance or respite as it suits their needs.

<b>COST OF CURRENT PLACEMENT</b>	<b>\$54.46</b>
Specialized Foster Care Rate	18.27
SSI	18.92
Medicaid Personal Care	9.50
Enhanced Staffing/Respite	7.77