

Conversation Guide



HCBS REQUIREMENT #2: CHOICE OF SETTING

“Let’s see how a banjo, a clock, and a set of twins helped Lorenzo find the perfect home.”

Welcome!

We will be using Tri-Counties Regional Center’s HCBS Final Rule: The Animated Series videos, as conversation starters to look at real life situations through different perspectives. We will then have the opportunity to break into small groups to talk about how HCBS Final Rule Requirements affect people in their day-to-day lives.

Introductions: Why We’re Here (~10 minutes)

Share your name and what drew you here to this conversation.

Conversation Agreements: How We’ll Engage (~5 minutes)

- **Be curious and listen to understand.** Conversation is as much about listening as it is about talking. You might enjoy exploring how others’ experiences have shaped their values and perspectives.
- **Show respect and suspend judgment.** Try to truly listen, without interruption or crosstalk
- **Notice where we agree as well as any differences.** Look for areas of agreement or shared values that may arise and be curious of beliefs and opinions of others.
- **Be authentic and welcome that from others.** Share what’s important to you. Speak from your experience. Be considerate of others who are doing the same.
- **Be purposeful and to the point.** Do your best to keep your comments brief. Be conscious of sharing airtime with other participants.
- **You are responsible for the quality of your participation.**

Conversation Rounds: What We’ll Talk About (~5 minutes)

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People with disabilities have the right to choose where they live and what their living space looks like. They can choose to live with people with disabilities, people without disabilities, or even by themselves. It’s their choice.

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Round One: Getting to Know Each Other (~10 minutes)

Share your thoughts on **one** of the following questions.

- Where do you live and what do you love or enjoy about it?
- What is your favorite place in your home and what is special about it?

Round Two: Exploring the Topic of the Day Part 1 (~15 minutes) HCBS Requirement #2 Choice of Setting

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Person Receiving Services Point of View
Step into the role of Lorenzo:

Share your thoughts on **one** of the following questions.

- What do you think was most important to Lorenzo in choosing a place to live?
- What steps did Lorenzo take to choose a place to live?

Round Three: Exploring the Topic of the Day Part 2 (~15 minutes)

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Service Providers' Point of View
Step into the role of Nova:

Share your thoughts on **one** of the following questions.

- In what ways did Nova partner with Lorenzo to discover what matters to him and explore his choice of where he wanted to live?
- What do you think Nova's responsibility was in supporting Lorenzo to feel welcome in his new home?

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Round Four: Possibilities (~10 minutes)

Share your thoughts on **one** of the following questions.

- What are some other ways Nova could have partnered with Lorenzo to explore places to live?
- What are some other ways Nova can continue to support Lorenzo in choosing how he spends his time and receives support?

Round Five: What can I do? (~15 minutes)

Share your thoughts on **one** of the following questions.

- How can I better support people to make choices about where they live?
- How can I advocate for myself to live where I want and with who I want to live with?
- How can I be more intentional about introducing options for people to explore?

Closing Round (~5 minutes)

What is one thing you appreciated about our conversation today?

If you would like more information about the HCBS Curious Conversations email hello@helensandersonassociates.com

This guide is based on Living Room Conversations. To learn more about Living Room Conversations go to livingroomconversations.org/get-involved/

Top Tips for Hosts



Interested in hosting a Curious Conversation? Here are some tips to get you started.

- Before you start, test the videos to make sure they are working.
- If you are hosting a group of 10 or less do introductions all together, if hosting a group larger than 10 do this in breakout rooms or tables with 4-5 people.
- Conversation agreements will set the tone of our conversation-read them aloud.
- Invite each group to choose a:
 - Facilitator to keep the conversation going.
 - Timekeeper to keep track of time and gently let people know when their time is up.
- Animated Videos will be shown to everyone together.
- Each Conversation Round will be done in small groups of 4-5 people in breakout rooms or at tables.
- During the Closing Round thank everyone for joining and ask everyone to share 1 thing they appreciated about the conversations they had.
- Remind people of when the next Curious Conversation will take place.

*“Whoever comes is the right people.
Whatever happens is the only thing that could have.”*
~Open Space Technology

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