

Conversation Guide



HCBS REQUIREMENT #6: TENANT PROTECTIONS

“Let’s see how a dirty dish, the US legal system, and a turtle named Wax helped Steven learn about his rights as a tenant at Sunny Oaks.”

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)

HCBS Requirement #6: Tenant Protections

People with disabilities must have the same protections as any other renter. The Regional Center System uses an Admission Agreement.

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

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

- What is one thing that you have at home that you just cannot live without?
- Have you ever been a renter in your home and what was that like?

Round Two: Exploring the Topic of the Day Part 1 (~15 minutes) HCBS Requirement #6 Tenant Protections

[Watch video:](#)

[HCBS Requirement #6 Admission Agreement for People Choosing Services and Supports](#)



Person Receiving Services Point of View

Step into the roles of Steven and his housemates:

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

- How do you think Steven felt?
- Why do you think Steven thought he was in trouble and going to be evicted?
- What was important to Steven in this situation?
- What did Maya, Dexter, Lorenzo, and Steven learn about their rights as tenants?

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

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[HCBS Requirement #6 Admissions Agreement for Service Providers](#)



Service Providers' Point of View

Step into the role of Nova, Lucas, and Marsha:

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

- How did Nova feel when her message about the dirty dishes turned into everyone being upset?
- How did Nova help Maya, Dexter, Lorenzo, and Steven understand their tenants' rights?

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Round Four: Possibilities (~10 minutes)

Share your thoughts on the following question.

- What are some additional ways Maya, Dexter, Lorenzo, and Steven can learn about their tenants' right?

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

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

- How do I support people to understand their rights and the admission agreement?
- How do I learn about my rights and my admissions agreement?
- What can I do to make sure that people who are living in the same house have an opportunity to make agreements and to talk about responsibilities and resolve any problems?
- How can I talk to housemates to make agreements about our home?

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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