AUDIENCE: All Interested Parties

PURPOSE: This newly-released 20-minute video provides an overview of Lifesharing. Lifesharing (also known as Family Living) is a service available in Pennsylvania in which an individual with intellectual disability (ID) chooses to share a home and his or her life with another person or family to form a caring environment. The video tells the story from the points of view of three Pennsylvania families, the individuals who live with them, and an individual’s aging parent. The video also presents Patty McCool, ODP Director of Bureau of Supports for People with ID, and Stephanie Brown, a PA Lifesharing Coalition member.

The Lifesharing in Pennsylvania video was jointly developed by ODP and the PA Lifesharing Coalition to provide an easily accessible resource that promotes awareness of Lifesharing to those who may be unfamiliar with this service option. This video:

- Provides uplifting testimony to the relationships born and nurtured through this option
- Describes the basic requirements and steps to participate in Lifesharing
- Offers an overview of the potential benefits of Lifesharing to those who open the doors of their homes to an individual with ID

Lifesharing in Pennsylvania is close-captioned and available at the ODP Consulting website (www.odpconsulting.net) under Featured Stories > Lifesharing in Pennsylvania.

Additional information and resources about Lifesharing is available on the PA Lifesharing Coalition website (www.palifesharing.com)