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## IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT CITIZENSHIP REQUIREMENTS FOR RECEIVING SERVICES FROM IMAGINE!

Colorado state law requires Imagine! to verify United States citizenship or legal permanent residency for all adults, aged 18 and older, applying for state or locally funded developmental disabilities services.

*If you are making a request for state or local funding on behalf of a family member who is **under the age of 18** and is eligible for services through Imagine!:*

- Imagine! will verify United States citizenship or legal permanent residency of **family members** applying for state or local funding for services through Imagine! on behalf of eligible children.
- **With the required verification**, families can continue to request funding for services for their eligible child.
- **Without the required verification**, funding is available **only** for direct services for the eligible child, **with payment of those services made directly through Imagine! to the service provider.**

*Additionally, **upon reaching the age of 18**, the family member requesting state or local funding **and** the individual with the developmental disability are each required to verify United States citizenship or legal permanent residency.*

To verify United States citizenship or legal permanent residency, two documents are required:

1. **One of the following original documents or a true and complete copy of the original:**
  - a. A valid Colorado driver's license or a Colorado state issued identification card, **or**
  - b. A United States military card or a military dependent's identification card, **or**
  - c. Other forms of identification including a **certified** birth certificate issued by any of the United States.
2. **Applicants must sign an affidavit stating:**
  - a. That he or she is a United States citizen or legal permanent resident, **or**
  - b. That he or she is otherwise lawfully present in the United States pursuant to Federal law.

For more information and resources to find the necessary documentation, contact your service coordinator or case manager, or visit Imagine!'s website at [www.imaginecolorado.org](http://www.imaginecolorado.org).

## AROUND THE SPOs

Did you know that Imagine! does business with more than 215 service provider organizations (SPOs) throughout Boulder and Broomfield counties to ensure that consumers and their families have access to a wide and varied range of options when choosing services? Below is a consumer success story that one of our SPOs shared with us recently:

### CHESTOR HOUSE: SETH KING

Seth King speaks with enthusiasm about his achievements, stating, "I'm grateful for what I have because there are people with developmental disabilities who aren't as fortunate to have received the services I have. That is why it's so important for Chestor House and Imagine! to do what they do, so others can benefit as I have."

Seth is appreciative of everyone who's worked

with him, especially Chestor House counselors Rene and Sue Miranda, Steve and Sarah Tombleson, and Roger Murray. They taught Seth to be responsible for his actions, the importance of discipline and hard work, and how to cook, manage his money and pay his bills. Seth has worked at Albertson's in Louisville for seven years, and there learned the value of loyalty, friendship,

responsibility and being honest.

While Seth prefers individual activities to being around groups of people, he likes going to church with his dad. Seth has been Santa Claus at Chestor House's Christmas Party, but states, "You may see me being outgoing, but I'm not naturally that way. That's related to having



*Chestor House consumer Seth King (r) credits others for his success, including his counselor Steve Tombleson (l).*

Asperger's syndrome."

We send our congratulations to Seth and everyone associated with Chestor House.

## MAKE IT EASY FOR ER STAFF TO REACH LOVED ONES QUICKLY: "ICE" YOUR CELL PHONE



If you or a family member is involved in a medical emergency, cell phone technology provides a way to make it easy for emergency response staff to reach loved ones quickly. How? You can "ICE" your cell phone.

Here's how it works: Program the numbers of two emergency contacts into your, or a loved one's, cell phone. Name the entry ICE. ICE stands for *In Case of Emergency*, and if you or a loved one is seriously hurt, paramedics

or police will be able to swiftly find the number and use it to reach a relative or friend who could help treat injuries by providing vital personal information, including details of any medical conditions.

If you ICE your cell, you will also be ahead of the game! A recent study found that 27% of mobile owners had heard of this, but only 9% had actually done it.

# GROUP EXPLORING INDEPENDENT HOUSING ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSUMERS

Have you ever wondered if your family member with a cognitive disability could be more independent? Have you ever wished that there was some way that he or she could take that next step towards independence and move into their own apartment, or get a job, or

develop new friendships?

A group of people with these same interests has had several meetings intended to design a program called *On My Own with F.R.I.E.N.D.S.* The mission of this group is to create a program which, while providing some minimal weekly support, would

encourage family members with cognitive disabilities to fully integrate into the community through work, socialization and independent apartment living. If you are interested and would like to join the group contact Jane Fouchey at [tjfouchey@comcast.net](mailto:tjfouchey@comcast.net).

## BECOME PART OF THE IMAGINE! PROMISE

The Imagine! Foundation is inviting friends of Imagine! to become members of a newly established society called *The Imagine! Promise* — a group of people who have named the Imagine! Foundation in their wills. If you have not yet done so, we hope you will consider this very important avenue of support for those in our community with cognitive disabilities.

Most people leave an estate when

they die, whether or not they feel they have wealth. “Estate” is simply a word used to describe any property, money or belongings that a person has at the time of death. The easiest kind of estate gift is a simple bequest in a will that states that either a specified amount or a percentage of an estate will be left — in our case — to the Imagine! Foundation. An individual can also leave a particular asset such as a home, retirement plan or paid-up life insurance policy, and there may

be tax advantages for doing so. An experienced attorney can ask the right questions and draft a will that meets state requirements.

To let us know that your estate plan includes the Imagine! Foundation, or for additional information or questions, please contact Imagine! Foundation executive director Susan LaHoda at (303) 666-7018 or [slahoda@imaginecolorado.org](mailto:slahoda@imaginecolorado.org).

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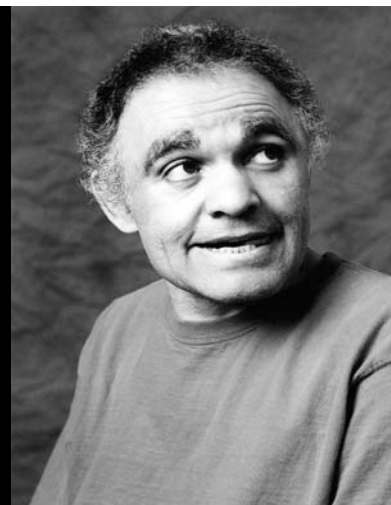
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