



Who We Are

Title of Project, Name of Lead Entity, Partner, Counties in Indiana we are impacting.

We are Sycamore Rehabilitation Services, Inc. and the title of our project is "Smart Home Technology for Residential Care." Sycamore Services offers lifelong support to those with disabilities in over 22 Indiana counties, and this project will focus on serving those in our residential care mostly in Hendricks and Morgan Counties.

What We Expect if We Achieve our Vision

Expected short-term and long-term outcomes; and positive impacts on individuals if your project successfully carries out these actions.

- 1. Growth of participant independence.
- 2. Reduction of stress and scheduling needs on limited staff.
- 3. Growth in technology access and education.

- 1. Ability for grant participants to have better health outcomes & quality of life.
- 2. Participants reaching life goals faster than without the technology.
- 3. Health services organizations such as Sycamore Services being able to attract and retain more Direct Support Professionals.

What We Will Do

Specific actions your agency will take to carry out pilot project.

- 1. Evaluate potential participants' needs and personal goals.
- 2. Create individualized plan matching participant with helpful smart home technology to help them meet their goals.
- 3. Train employees and participants on selected smart home technology.
- 4. Implement technology in homes.
- 5. Evaluate the effectiveness of the smart home technology to the individual's goals and staffing needs.

How We Will Do It

Plan and implementation

Success will be measured by the reduction of in-person staffing hours needed and increase in participant goal successes' our participants develop more independent skills, via smart devices, less hours will be needed. As our participants develop more independent skills, less hours will be needed. We also have a data and tracking system to ensure we are monitoring overall results. The individuals and their support staff will be surveyed to collect data regarding the value the device and the quality of life it provides, how the person views the proficiency in use, and identify what alternate or additional avenues are desired.

What Will Result

Long-term goals to transform services and/or better support individuals.

- 1. Reduce in-person staffing to help alleviate industry-wide shortages
- 2. Increase individuals' level of independence in a new, innovative way

What We Want to Avoid

Outcomes that may take away from the vision and will serve as "red flags" to consider course correction.

We want to avoid issues that relate to security risks and inaccessible technology, so finding the right technology fit for each person and providing consistent support and check ins will avoid these potential issues.

