

## Housing

September 12, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.

### THEMES/CONCERNS

- Attracting, training, and retaining qualified staff to serve the aging customers and customers with dementia
- Pay for staff is too low
- Lack of qualified staff
- Planned residential communities for people with disabilities
- Acquiring funding to improve the housing of people with disabilities
- Cannot bill for providing staff coverage for people in a hospital or rehab center

### RECOMMENDATIONS

- Link pay scale for providers to cost of living increases
- Consider national standards and other states when developing provider training
- Living facilities for high functioning individuals
- Tap resources/funds from the Florida Housing Finance Corporation

### FACTORS TO CONSIDER

- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) would have to modify or relax the density requirements and redefine community as it relates to planned residential communities
- Linking provider rates to cost of living increases could potentially have a huge negative impact on the Agency's budget