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People have moved into independent living after LIGHTS facilitation.

22 

Families have chosen LIGHTS funding.

4 

Families have moved on from LIGHTS.

143 

Families have received advisory services.

100+

Presentations to date, reaching more than 2,000 attendees.

LIGHTS was founded in 2011 by a group of concerned community members and families.

2011

Partnerships

- Government of Ontario (Ministry of Community and Social Services)
- Community Living Toronto
- Community donors (foundations, corporations, individuals)
- Families

Funds Raised To Date

\$4.5M

- Over **\$4.5 million** pledged to date
- Funding from the Ministry of Community and Social Services for Facilitator (staff) until 2016

Funding to Families

\$20,000/yr

Variable of approximately **\$20K annually per family** funded. Some families do not need funding but still benefit from LIGHTS facilitation.

Operating Costs

\$5,000

Our only salaried position is paid for by the Ministry of Community and Social Services and the majority of other costs are a gift-in-kind partnership with Community Living Toronto. Printing, some communications materials and brokerage fees are less than \$5,000 per year.

Result

98%

A cost effective program that enables about **98%** of our private donations to leverage our government funding for the staff who create the opportunity for person-directed living arrangements that would not otherwise exist.

Through LIGHTS, there has been increased parental job productivity and a broad increase in quality of life for both individuals with an intellectual disability and members of their family. In addition there has been an opportunity for developmental services staff to learn and build an innovative program while providing person-directed supports to individuals with an intellectual disability. Because of LIGHTS, long term societal opportunities for inclusion and a more fulfilling life are increasing for these individuals. And costs to society are decreasing.

About LIGHTS

Created by community leaders in partnership with Community Living Toronto, LIGHTS is a unique and innovative initiative that supports families in creating options for their family member who wants to start a life outside the family home. For more information, contact lights@cltoronto.ca.