

The Top 10 Reasons to Do “A Home of My Own” Assessment

- Assists transition-aged students, families, teachers and transition specialists with goals for preparing for independent living.
- Provides an assessment review that includes information and resources about transition to adulthood, including Social Security, ABLE accounts and employment.
- Provides recommendations for services such as behavioral health, employment, and future planning.
- Provides a unique observational assessment that includes a review of the skills an individual has mastered, the skills that need to be enhanced and the skills that need to be learned.
- Offers another “pair of eyes”. Often, families, caregivers, support coordinators and individual gets stuck with what they think an individual is and is not capable of doing. During an assessment, the Supports Broker may observe how the individual can succeed with a task they never thought possible.
- Encourages an individual with taking the big step towards independent living.
- Helps and encourages families who, understandably, are having a hard time letting go.
- Helps all team members to get “on the same page” with goal setting.
- Assessment results can become actual Individual Support Plan (ISP) goals.
- And, finally, the assessment can be used to determine, or confirm, if the individual's current level of supports, or current living situation, is appropriate, or if the team needs to look at new residential options.