

HIGH SUPPORT NEEDS RESEARCH PROJECT

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INCREASING HOUSING OPTIONS FOR ADULTS WITH I/DD

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What This Report Is About



Many adults in Colorado need help all day and night. Someone with them all the time. They have high support needs.

Some need help eating, taking care of their body, or calming down when they feel scared or upset.

This report shares details about the care they need. Also about homes people with high support needs want.

Problems for People with High Support Needs

- Not enough staff who know how to help people with high needs.
- Not enough homes they can afford or are accessible.
- Some cannot get help because Colorado does not pay for enough support.



Families are scared about the future. They do not know what will happen when they can no longer help.

People shared solutions in a survey. The report shares 3 ideas:

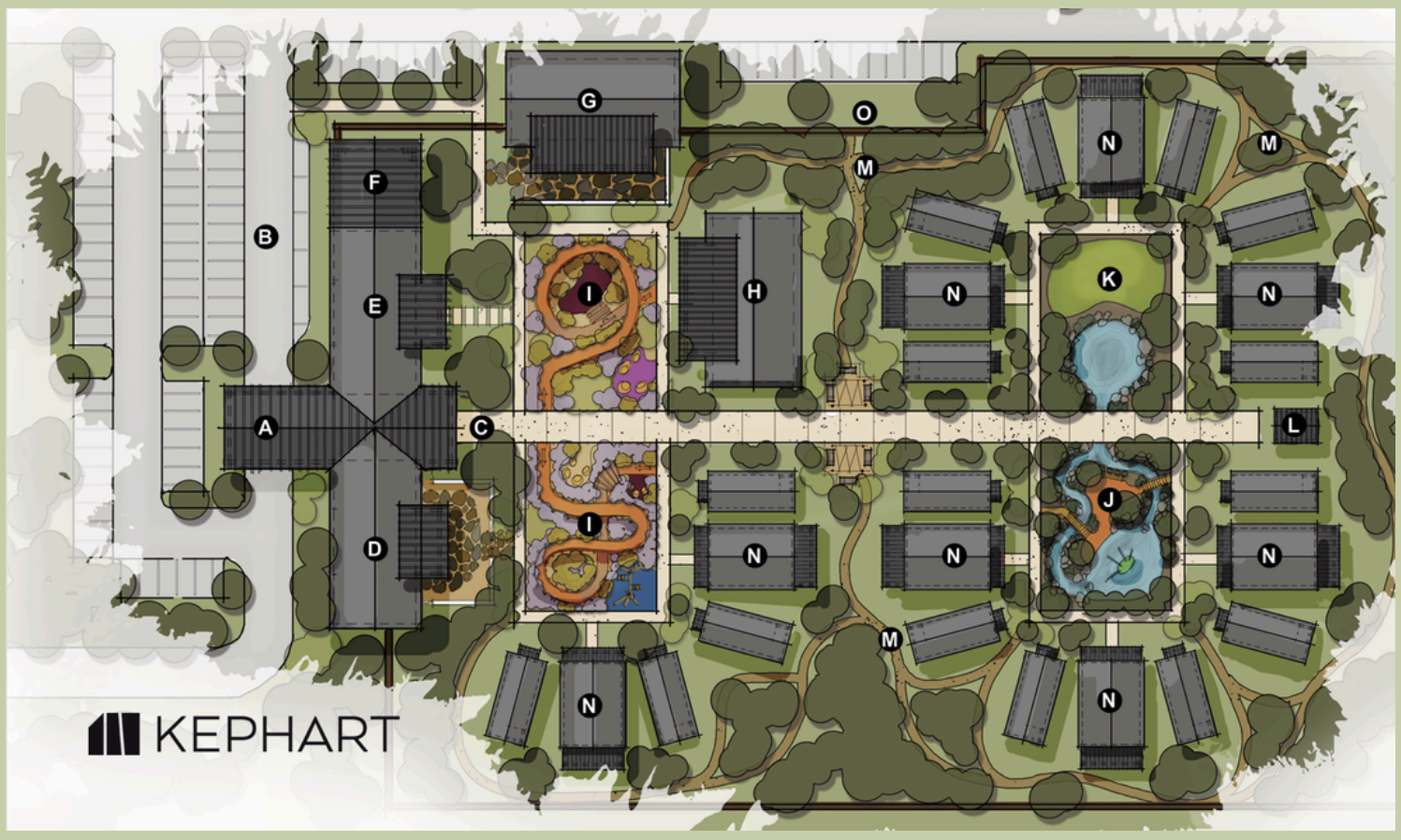
1️⃣ A small home added in their backyard with smart technology and quick access to helpers.



2️⃣ At least two caregivers share a home with a person or couple to give help day and night.



3️⃣ A safe neighborhood built to welcome people with high needs. People choose their helpers. May also have a day program, food or work options too.



Right now, these options are not possible for people with high support needs in Colorado. Changes must happen.

Why This Matters

When a family caregiver gets sick or can't help anymore, people with high support needs may have to go to the hospital.

Not because they are sick. But because there are no other places to go for help if they have high support needs.

Hospitals are not homes. People need safe places to go that understand how to help.



We think Colorado leaders should take action!



✅ Give helpers better training to help people with high support needs.

✅ Make sure people can get one-on-one or more help if needed.

✅ Make homes accessible to people with high support needs.

✅ Create more homes that people with high support needs can afford.

✅ Respect people's choice about the help they get and where they live.

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