

Living Connections: Voices and Visions from Shared Lives



These interviews take place at a time when many Vermonters with developmental and other disabilities remember life in institutions. Many more know what it feels like to be discriminated against or labeled because of their disability.



Brandon Training School closed in 1993. The American's with Disabilities Act became law in 1990. The right to self-determination and community options is still new and it is transforming how we live and work together. The images and voices in this exhibit reflect a growing expectation-by individuals with disabilities and by those who know them as individuals - that people with developmental and other disabilities are more than service recipients: they are friends, advisors, contributors, students, teachers, allies, and active members of their households, workplaces, social groups, and chosen communities.



We hope that these stories and images capture the voices and experiences of individuals with and without disabilities who have something to tell us about new directions for disability services. They also show us the human strength and promise of a society where we are all valued and where we all belong.

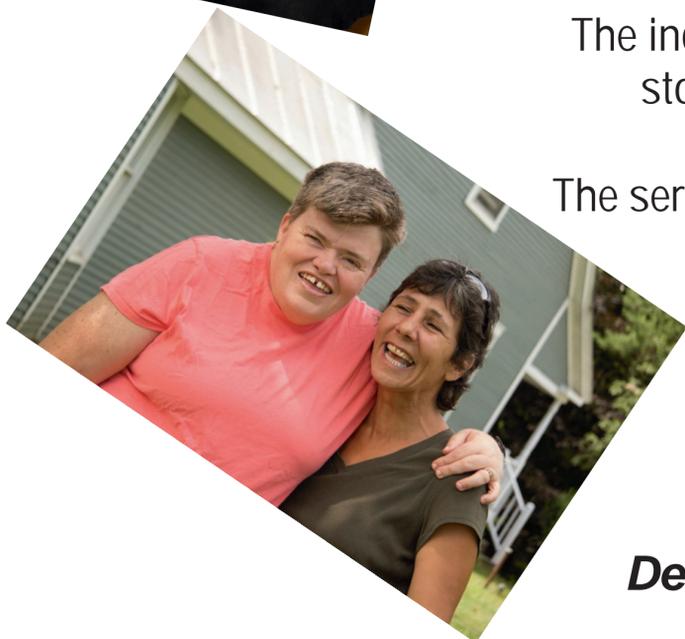


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