

No Place Like Home

Wishes & Ruby Slippers,

Replaced with

Access & Supports

TRI-County Patriots for Independent Living (TRIPIL)

History of TRIPIL

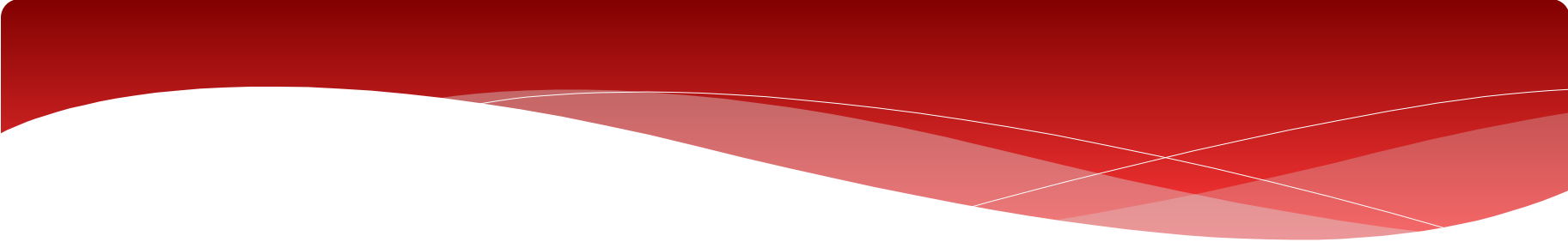
TRIPIL's framework was laid in 1984 as the result of a small grant from OVR to be housed within a small local medical center.

Our Mission

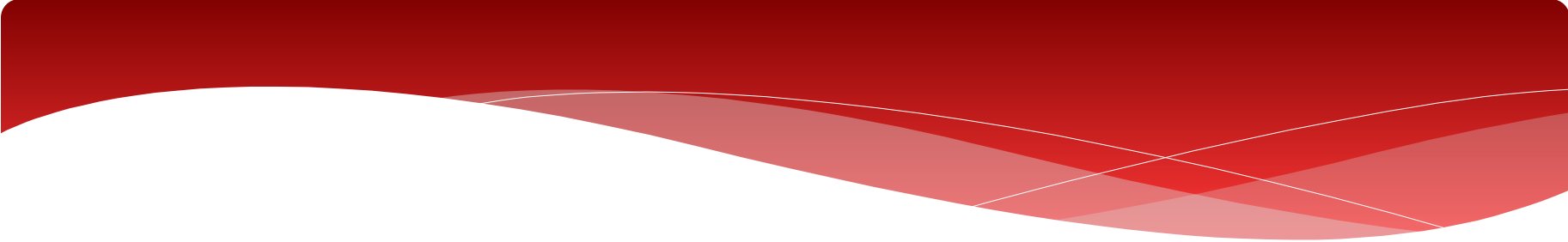
TRIPIL affirms
Liberty and Justice
for all people with disabilities.

Nursing Home Transition Program History at TRIPIL

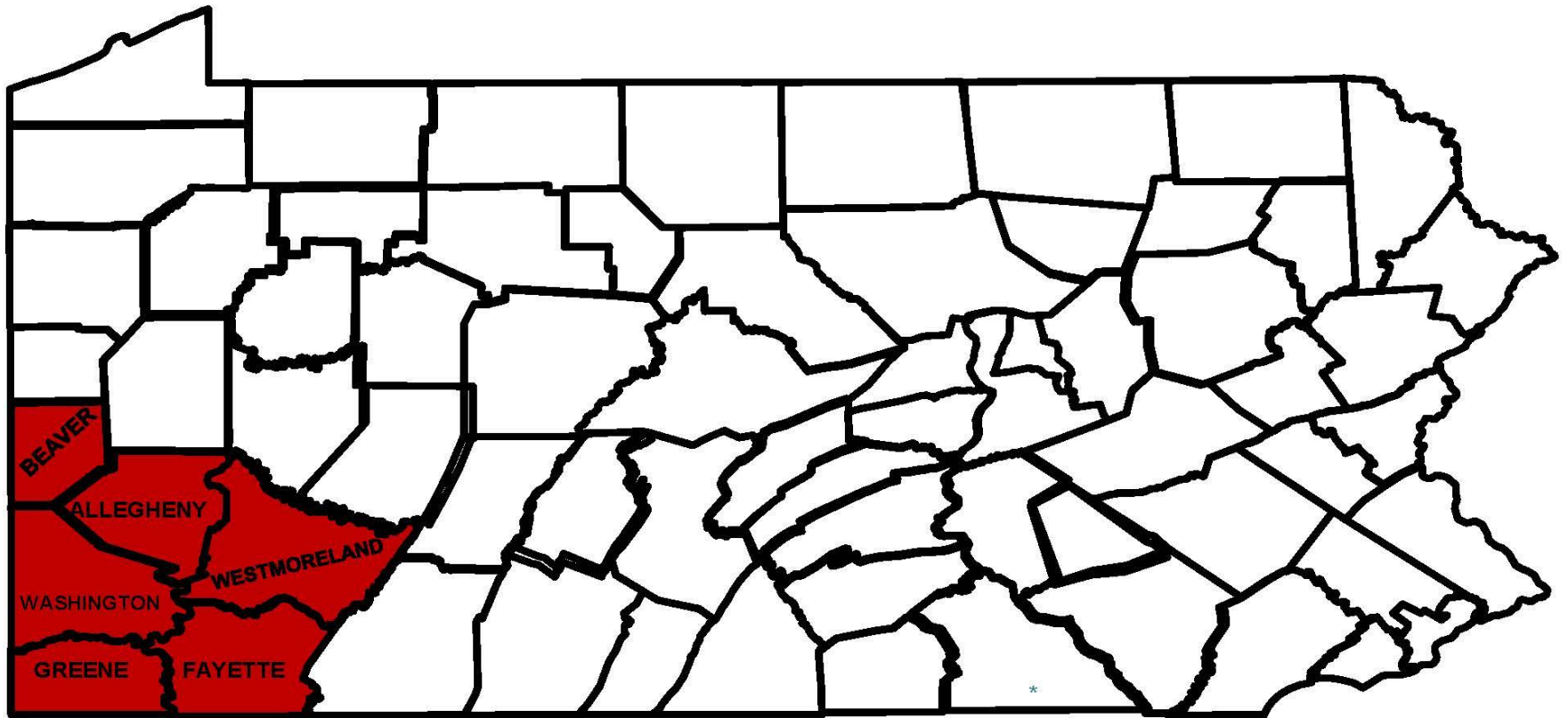
Freedom from institutions for people with disabilities is a principle that has always been part of TRIPIL'S foundation. In early 2000, Pennsylvania was awarded one of the original nursing home transition grants from CMS. The project, Pennsylvania Transition to Home (PATH), was rolled out in 4 of Pennsylvania's 67 counties. TRIPIL was the provider in 3 of those counties.



In 2013, the state asked TRIPIL to provide additional Nursing Home Transition Services to three underserved counties in Southwestern Pennsylvania, adding Allegheny, Beaver, and Westmoreland Counties to the existing counties of Fayette, Greene and Washington that we all ready served. We gladly accepted the challenge.



The result was internal program changes as well as hiring additional staff. Systems are web based, allowing Coordinators to work from any facility, site or home. In 2015, billing was streamlined which allows Coordinators the ability to enter data into systems that connect directly to our fiscal department.



**Pennsylvania Counties where
TRIPIL provides Nursing Home Transition**

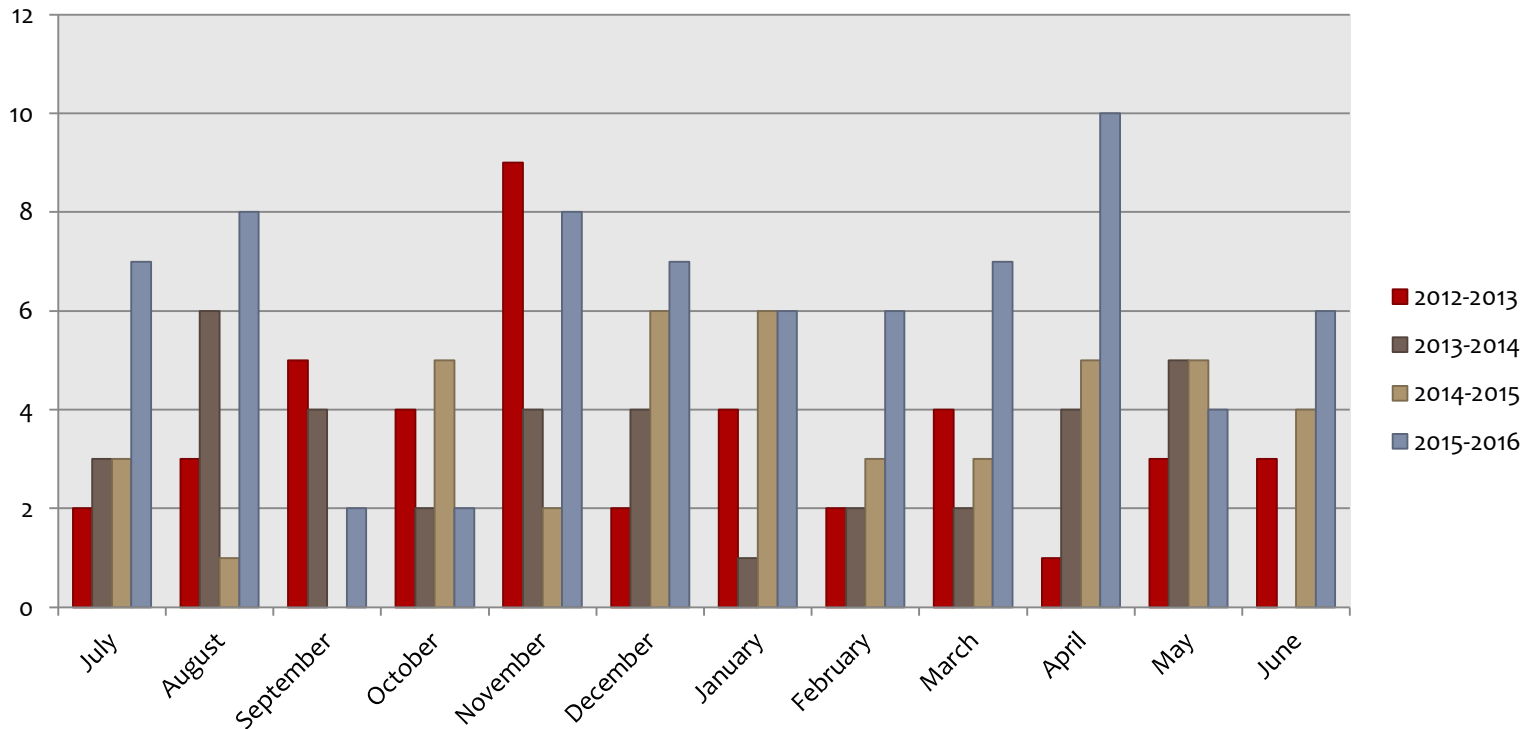
NHT Facts for TRIPIL

TRIPIL's Nursing Home Transition Program is staffed by:

- 1- Director of Community Services and Supports
- 6- Full- time NHT Coordinators
- 1- Part- time Coordinator
- 1- Participant Coordinator
- 1- Program Mentor

Access to the Independent Living Specialist Team as needed.

Transition Facts



Goals and Objectives

Empower consumers

Expand and strengthen collaborations between aging and disability organizations

Develop partnerships in the community by removing barriers so consumers receive services and supports

Help rebalance long-term living so consumers have a **CHOICE** of where they live

The Players That Guide Consumers Home

Consumer / Family Support

Nursing Facility/ Social Worker/ Physical and
Occupational Therapist

Service Coordinator

The team at TRI-County Patriots for Independent
Living (TRIPIL)

What We Do

- Nursing Home Transition
- Home Modifications
- Personal Assistance Services
- Skills Training
- Peer Support
- Advocacy
- Additional Programs



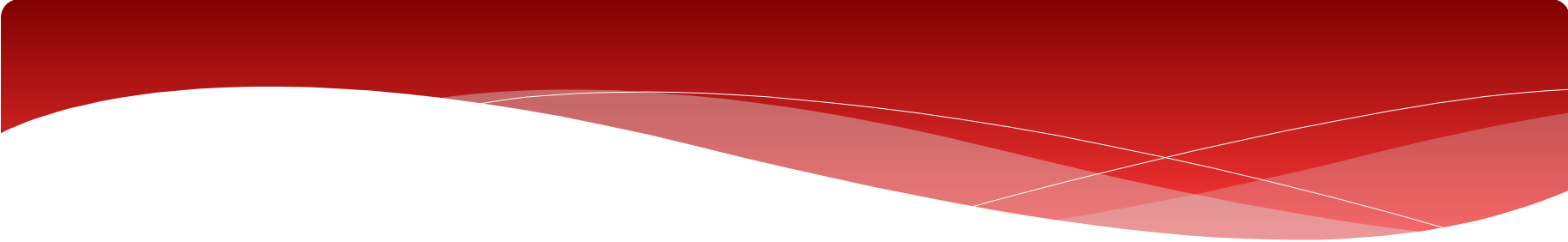
Independent Living Specialist Team

The team assists with the transition by providing the consumer additional support as well as advocacy when needed. Staff work to find housing, meet technology needs, and connect consumers to the community.

How Other Core Services Support Transitions

Peer Support can help build confidence and show transitioning consumers what a full life in the community will look like

Advocacy events can be a great way to get consumers used to speaking up for themselves. Plus, they get out of the facility for a few hours!



Skills Training can help consumers overcome barriers before they get into the community. For example, getting CIL Staff involved with the case before the consumer ever moves is **IMPERATIVE**.



Assistive Technology

TRIPIL enlists the expertise of our in-house Assistive Technology Specialist (ATS) to provide an individualized evaluation with the consumer and their NHT Coordinator. They visit the perspective home and see what Assistive Technology may be available. The ATS has access to lending libraries so the consumer can try out many of the devices prior to purchase.

Using Tools You Already Have

Do any of your staff or volunteers have institutional experience that can help them relate to consumers?

Real users of community supports help transitioning consumers see what is possible

Those who have transitioned are often willing to support and talk with other prospective participants

Major Barrier to Transitions

- * What is the **MAJOR** barrier that effects every Nursing Home Transition Program?

FUNDING

Overcoming Barriers & Solutions

Common Barriers

Funding

Lack of affordable and accessible housing

Family

Facility



Solutions

Know who to contact in your state when you run into problems.

Don't be afraid to advocate for change

It can't be done with just State and Federal Dollars, **Get Creative!**

Investigate community resources

Don't hesitate to **ASK, ASK, ASK!!**

Building Your Road To Success

Get into facilities! Don't rely on data sets or social worker referrals to find residents who want to transition.

This process takes time. The key is to stay connected to residents. Sometimes, you are the most positive interaction they have with the outside world.



David's Story

Received services in
the past

Primary care-giver
passed away

Found himself
re-institutionalized



Dawn's Story

Very much the same story as David's

Primary care-giver passed away

Found herself re-institutionalized

QUESTIONS???

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