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WEBINAR SERIES ON HOUSING

Creating an Intentional Community: What we can learn from Deohaeko, Canada

Intentional communities promote person-centered living and community engagement for individuals with disabilities. The story of Deohaeko Support Network, created nearly 30 years ago in Ontario, Canada, illustrates how an intentional community built on one site and guided by a set of principles has inspired other local family groups to achieve varying degrees of "intentional community" in their own neighborhoods.

Speaker Janet Klees will share her experience in helping establish Deohaeko, working directly with families. She'll discuss:

- the making of a sustained, family-led initiative of high quality and endurance
- how a clear set of principles and values can drive creation of a thriving community
- what steps you can take to make this happen for your own family

Join us!

1:00 pm EST, April 8, 2020

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JANET KLEES

is currently serving as Executive Director at Ontario-based Durham Family Resources and Support, Janet Klees brings direct experience in creating intentional communities. As coordinator with Deohaeko at the time of its inception and for over two decades, Janet was instrumental in helping families design person-centered living arrangements for loved ones. She is the author of three books based on the Deohaeko experience and speaks extensively on the topic of Building A Context For Relationship, a strategy that brings relationship, roles and places of belonging into the lives of people.

