



Update on Development of Quillo for Families & Interest from State DD Councils

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Quillo: Better Relationships. Better Lives.

Welcome to [Quillo](#), an innovative communication platform designed to assist leaders to improve workplace culture and build a dedicated, more connected workforce. Based on the principles of positive psychology and well-being, Quillo delivers short videos, 60 seconds or less, to the smart devices of staff. With over 900 videos in the Quillo library, videos are uplifting, engaging and educating, designed to reinforce the “Why” of direct support professionals.



Introducing Quillo for Families

Quillo for Families is a unique communication platform for people with disabilities, their families, and their circle of friends/supports, offering a direct channel of communication for state agencies to share informative, meaningful, and inspiring video messages. Research clearly shows that when individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families have high expectations, outcomes are significantly higher throughout the lifespan, resulting in inclusive postsecondary education/training, competitive integrated employment, and community participation. One way to foster the development of high expectations is through sharing “success stories.” Video messages on Quillo for Families will be based on the [LifeCourse model](#) and their 6 domains (Daily Living & Employment; Safety & Security; Community Living; Healthy Lifestyle; Social & Spirituality; Citizenship & Advocacy), helping individuals and families develop a planning trajectory for a good life.

Interest and Support from Multiple States

Indiana Governor's Council on People with Disabilities

- **Christine Dahlberg, Executive Director** (CDahlberg@gcpd.in.gov)
 - **Chad Crowe, Assistant Executive Director** (CCrowe@gcpd.in.gov)
- GCPD is funding a six month development and testing project of Quillo for Families designed to be free to families in the system as well as those not receiving any services at all.*

Wisconsin Board for People with Developmental Disabilities

- **Fil Clissa, Senior Program/Policy Analyst** (Fil.Clissa@wisconsin.gov)
- The Board is funding a pilot project that will include a focus group of families and self-advocates testing how Quillo can assist the nearly 70,000 people in their self-directed waiver. Fil is very interested in Quillo for Families and hopes to have a more in-depth conversation following Wisconsin's Self-Determination conference in October, drawing nearly 500 people.*

Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities

- **Kimberly Mercer-Schleider, Director** (kimberly.mercer-schleider@illinois.gov)
- Quillo has met with the Director and Policy Director, and they are very interested. They will be at the meeting next week and we are eager to continue the conversation.*

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