* Date 02-25-23015 Location New Hope Villas, 601 Infirmary Rd., Dayton 45428
* Name: Focus Group: for Persons with Mental Disabilities - New Hope Villa
* **Recap of session:**
* New Hope Villa staff provides 24-hour operations at a housing facility for people with mental disabilities and who upon entry were at risk for homelessness or were in fact homeless. New Hope is in Jefferson Township on Infirmary Road. Housing is restricted to those who have a mental disability. Additional time was permitted if a resident needed clarification on a question. There were 4 females and 2 males in the group.

**Top 3 areas of Discrimination**

**Most Common:**

50%identified Race/Color as #1

50% identified Disability as #2

33% identified Race/Color as #3

* **Noteworthy stats:**
* 33% identified Disability as #1
* **I know someone who was discriminated against.**
* 3 stated yes.

3 stated no.

* **Disability:**

5 stated a person with disabilities resides in their home.

* **Current housing is accessible.**
* 6 stated yes.
* 0 stated no.
* **Opinion/thoughts about how willing landlords will help people with disabilities.**
* Very willing – 6
* Hesitant – 0
* Unwilling – 0

Tell us about your neighborhood.   
Does it or doesn’t it have:

* + Good Schools?

This group had no children to worry about.

* + Groceries and shopping amenities that are plentiful and close?

Not an issue with this group.

* + Health Care – is it close or far away?

Five stated the importance of having good healthcare close to their residence.

* + Community Center?

Five stated the importance of having community centers available to their residence.

* + **Affordable** housing opportunities?

No comments.

* + Easy **transportation** to everywhere in the county?

Five stated that they needed reliable public transportation close to their residence.

* + Is there neighborhood **blight** or problems?

No comments.

* + Is it accessible to **people with disabilities**

Six stated that they would require a residence with accessible features.

* + What else is important?
* Three mentioned that they would be concerned if the crime rate was high.
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