

## Vivian and Nelia

Vivian is wonderful young lady who requires full assistance for living a full life. She receives nursing services through her insurance company. She is not enrolled in a waiver and she and her family hope that she will receive a waiver when she turns 21 years old. Vivian uses a wheelchair and other adaptive equipment. Sometimes a simple home modification can greatly increase safety and improve the quality of a person's life.



Vivian

Vivian was in need of having her bedroom door widened to allow her wheelchair to roll through the doorway. Her family used to lift her out of her chair into the bedroom but as she grew older they could no longer do so. Since the wheelchair needed to be jammed through the door to get inside the bedroom, the door frame broke and became unsafe.

Nelia Belchior, Vivian's Supports Coordinator advocated for approval from the Philadelphia Office of Intellectual Disabilities to allow FDSS funds to pay for the doorway home modification.

With the use of an FDSS grant the family was able to widen the doorway to accommodate Vivian's wheelchair. This simple home modification has made it easier for Vivian to maneuver her wheelchair into her bedroom and provides a safer environment for both Vivian and her family.