



We are delighted to announce that upon unanimous vote of Oahe, Inc.'s Board of Directors, an agreement in principle has been struck amongst each of our organizations to welcome Vista Care ([www.vistacare.org](http://www.vistacare.org)) to Pierre and the State of South Dakota as Oahe's principal strategic operating partner. Vista Care will bring its extensive experience in intellectual & developmental disabilities (I/DD) services to both Oahe, Inc.'s existing programs and its new initiatives. Moreover, they bring a significant track record in designing and delivering both very high-intensity supports and lower intensity independent living services, such as our new Shared Living effort.

The entire reason for this relationship is in two parts - first to improve the quality of services for each Oahe, Inc. participant, and second to expand the array of services available to current and future participants. We're all intent on this being a seamless process so that the only affect any person served by Oahe, Inc. will feel is a renewed long-term commitment on the part of everyone involved. And hopefully, a few more smiles than of late.

There are still weeks of work to finish before we finalize this agreement, so we can't yet inform you of all the details because we're still working on them, but for now we just want to let you know that many months worth of effort appears to have paid off handsomely for all the people that receive services in this region. All of us share a great deal of excitement about the future of I/DD services in Pierre, central South Dakota and around the state. We look forward to sharing more details as they become available, but in the interim, please feel free to contact us with any questions you might have. We'll be happy to tell you everything we know as soon as we know it.

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