

Specialized Housing, Inc.

RESUME SYNOPSES

David Wizansky, MSSS, LICSW, BCD

A graduate of Harvard College and Boston University School of Social Work, **David Wizansky** was founder of the first self-advocacy group in the US for adults with developmental disabilities. He has been the group's advisor for over forty years. For twenty-two years, he was program director and then director of clinical services at DARE Family Services where he created many residential programs, community diversion and treatment programs for youth at risk and disabled adults. With his wife, Margot Wizansky, and a team of professionals (developer, architect, and attorney) in 1982, he developed one of the first home ownership opportunities in the US for the disabled population. Over the years, he has organized scores of community-based supportive living arrangements for people with additional needs. He is president of Specialized Housing, Inc.

Margot Wizansky, MSW, LICSW, BCD

Margot Wizansky is a graduate of Boston University School of Social Work with experience in hospital-based social work, counseling and community mental health centers. Since 1982 Margot Wizansky and David Wizansky have organized, developed, and managed home ownership opportunities for adults with additional needs, over 90 units of supportive, community-based housing. They have assisted families in the development of homeownership opportunities in many parts of the US and have presented workshops in the UK and Europe. Margot has published a number of articles in general and special interest periodicals. She is the executive director of Specialized Housing, Inc.

Charles S. Silsby III, MSW

Charles (Chuck) Silsby is an honors graduate of the University of Maine, Orono, where he was a resident assistant and received both his BA and MSW degrees. He came to Specialized Housing with experience in residential care and case management. He is Associate Executive Director of Specialized Housing and Clinical Supervisor. As Associate Executive Director, he coordinates human resource activities and physical plant maintenance and participates in administrative duties such as financial operations, program development, marketing, intake and evaluation of potential residents, and sales of units. In his role as Clinical Supervisor, he supervises house managers and program coordinators, offers clinical support to residents and families, facilitates in-house community meetings, and provides liaison to vocational sites and community services for residents. Chuck takes a major part in all the aspects of creating new housing arrangements for Specialized Housing.