

MRWP CONSUMER-DIRECTION OPTION



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Evolution of Disability Services

- **Institutionalization: 1848 – 1940's**
- **Institutional Reform: 1940's – 1970's**
- **Deinstitutionalization and Community-Based Programs: 1970's**
- **Community Membership: 1980's**
Inclusion; Circles of Support;
Person-Centered Planning;
Self-Advocacy
- **Self-Determination: 1990's - Today**

Self-Determination



The power to make choices that reflect personal preferences, interests, and values

Having control over one's own life and the freedom to develop a vision for the future and to have that vision respected by others
(Brian Abery)

Many Different Terms



- **Self-Determination**
- **Self-Direction**
- **Consumer-Direction**
- **Participant-Direction**
- **Self-Advocacy**

Principles of Self-Determination

- **FREEDOM:** the opportunity to choose where and with whom one lives as well as how one organizes all important aspects of one's life.
- **AUTHORITY:** the ability to control some targeted amount of public dollars.
- **SUPPORT:** the ability to organize that support in ways that are unique to the individual.
- **RESPONSIBILITY:** the obligation to use public dollars wisely and to contribute to one's community.
- **CONFIRMATION:** the recognition that individuals with disabilities themselves must be a major part of the redesign of the human service system of long term care.

Governor Sonny Perdue

- Has a vision of people with disabilities fully participating in our communities
- Directs state agencies to plan and implement self-determination



Waiver Programs Amended for Consumer-Direction

- **Independent Care Waiver Program (ICWP) (DCH)**
- **Mental Retardation Waiver Program (MRWP) (DHR / MHDDAD)**
- **Community Care Services Program (CCSP)—pending (DHR / DAS)**

Mental Retardation Waiver Program (MRWP)

- Day Supports & Services
- Residential Service
- Personal Supports
- Respite Services
- Specialized Medical Supplies & Equipment
- Natural Support Enhancement Services



Why Consumer Directed Natural Support Enhancement Services?



Natural Support Enhancement Services

Natural Support Network

People Live in Own Home

Individual Budget

Enhanced Access to Community

Critical Elements of Consumer-Directed Natural Support Enhancement Services

- *Person-Centered Planning
- *Individual Service Plan
- *Individual Budget
- *Consumer-Directed Supports
- *Quality Assurance & Improvement

Person-Centered Planning



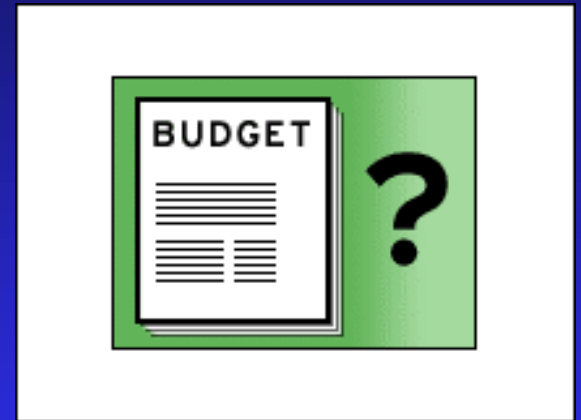
- **Helps Individual Develop a Vision of a Preferred Future**
- **Encourages Strengthening Natural Supports**

Individual Service Plan (ISP)

- * Identifies Strategies to Support the Individual's Dreams and Preferences Identified in Person-Centered Planning**
- * Helps the Individual and His or Her Natural Support Network Develop Clear Expectations for Real Life Results**

Individual Budget

Amount of funding for
Consumer-Directed
Natural Support
Enhancement Services
Specified in Approved
Individual Service Plan



Managed by the *Individual or Family/ Representative* rather than a Provider

Consumer-Directed Supports



Supports that Assist with Consumer-Directed Responsibilities

- Support worker management
- Community resource identification
- Financial management
- Advocacy

What Consumer-Directed Supports are included in the Consumer-Direction Option?

- * Support Coordination/Support Brokerage**
- * Financial Support Services**

How does Support Coordination change in the Consumer-Direction Option?

Traditional Support Coordination

- * Is defined *for* people receiving supports supports
- * Makes decisions *for* individual
- * Provides support in *service/program* context
- * Focuses on *monitoring* service providers

Support Brokerage

- * Is defined *by* people receiving
- * Supports decision-making *by* individual
- * Provides support in funding *individualized* funding context
- * Focuses on *empowering* the individual

Financial Support Services

Provides Finance & Related Functions for Those Enrolled in the Consumer-Direction Option

- Writes checks for approved goods and services
- Performs payroll responsibilities
- Takes care of tax withholding
- Is accountable for insuring compliance with all federal and state laws
- Provides financial reports to the individual and funding agencies



Quality Assurance and Quality Improvement in the Consumer-Direction Option

- Puts in place protections to assure the health and safety of participants in the consumer-direction option
- Defines the individual and statewide emergency back-up system



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Supports Individuals in Everyday Lives

“...Living like other people in the community is not a privilege to be earned, but a right to be enjoyed, irrespective of ability and need.”

