



# **What's Happening with Self-Determination in Georgia?**

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# Governor Sonny Perdue

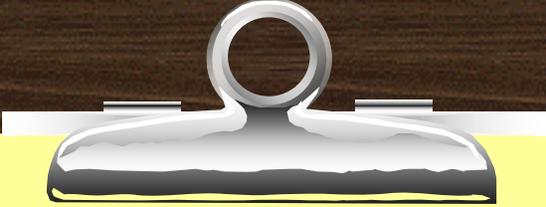
- **Has a vision of people with disabilities fully participating in our communities**
- **Directs state agencies to plan and implement self-determination**



**Initial  
Implementation of  
Consumer Direction**

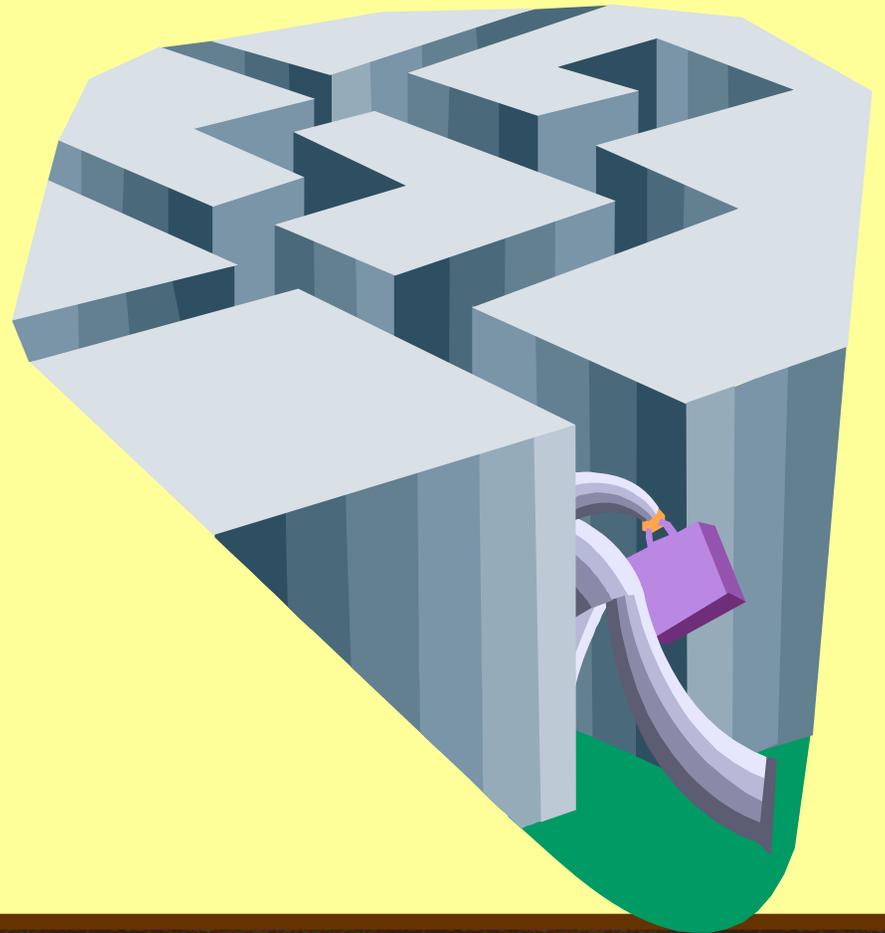


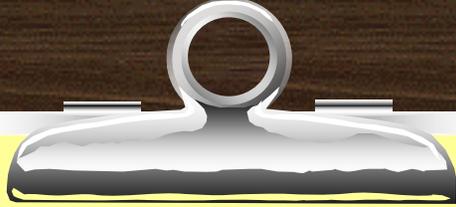
**“Construction  
Completed”**



# The Beginning

**Determining how  
to amend waiver  
programs for self-  
determination**





## **Which Waiver Programs Have Been Amended for Consumer Direction?**

- **Independent Care Waiver Program (ICWP)**
- **Mental Retardation Waiver Program (MRWP)**
- **Community Care Services Program (CCSP)**



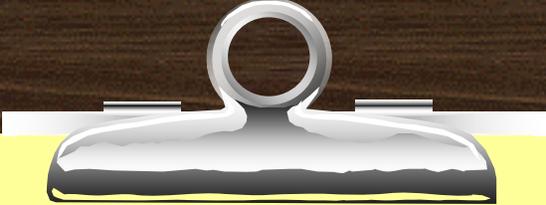
# **ICWP Initial Implementation of Consumer-Direction**

- **Consumer-Directed Services**
- **Financial Support Services**
- **Case Manager/Support Broker**



# **MRWP Initial Implementation of Consumer-Direction**

- **Consumer-Directed Natural Support Enhancement Services**
- **Financial Support Services**
- **Support Coordinator/Support Broker**



# **CCSP Initial Implementation of Consumer-Direction**

- **Consumer-Directed Services**
- **Financial Support Services**
- **Care Coordinator/Support Broker**



# **Construction Plan**

**We will be learning as we continue to plan and implement consumer direction-**

**But the foundation is right and people are willing**

**So in the end.... These will be good options for the people of our state.**

**And- Options are positives for all participants.**



# **Independence Plus Initiative**

- **DHR received an Independence Plus Initiative grant for systems change from CMS.**
- **This grant is helping DHR and DCH, in partnership, to move the Self-Determination philosophy even further.**



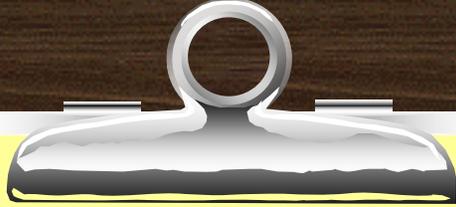
## **Independence Plus Initiative Goals**

- **Goal #1: Develop a uniform methodology by which all individual budgets in the State will be calculated.**

**Timeframe: Two-Year Project**

**Input: Individual Budgeting Stakeholder Group and Focused Groups**

**Consultant: APS Healthcare**



## **Independence Plus Initiative Goals**

- **Goal #2: Adapt the HCBS waiver program Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement system for self-determination.**

**Timeframe: Three-Year Project**

**Input: QA/QI System Stakeholder Group and Focused Groups**

**Consultant: APS Healthcare**



## **Independence Plus Initiative Goals**

- **Goal #3: Design key operational functions of the self-directed service delivery system.**  
**Timeframe: Three-Year Project**  
**Input: Key Operations/Master Plan  
Stakeholder Group and Focused Groups**  
**Consultant: APS Healthcare**



## **Independence Plus Initiative Goals**

- **Goal #4: Develop self-determination master plan that incorporates components of the self-directed service delivery system.**
- **Timeframe: Three-Year Project**  
**Input: Key Operations/Master Plan  
Stakeholder Group and Focused Groups**  
**Consultant: APS Healthcare**



# **CHANGE – so hard for some – welcomed by others. . .But**

## **Change is:**

- **Not always easy**
- **Not always kind**
- **Always a part of our reality**
- **Necessary**
- **And in the end—it is a good thing.**





## To Quote Governor Perdue:

*Georgia is committed to self-determination for people with disabilities and their families.*



**One Community  
For All**

