

Participant-Direction Waiver Services

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FINANCIAL SUPPORT SERVICES PROVIDERS (Fiscal Agents)

ACUMEN FISCAL AGENT, LLC

www.acumenfiscalagent.com

4542 E Inverness Ave, Suite 210
Mesa, AZ 85206

866-522-8636 Fax: 867-522-8636

CONTINUUM FISCAL SERVICES

www.continuumfs.com

235 Peachtree Street, NE Suite 400
Atlanta, GA 30303-1401

855-874-9311 Fax: 855-872-3728

PUBLIC PARTNERSHIPS, LLC (PPL)

www.publicpartnerships.com/programs/georgia/DBHDD

2849 Paces Ferry Road, Suite 630
Atlanta, GA 30339

866-836-6792 Fax: 866-461-0195

SUPPORT COORDINATION AGENCIES

COLUMBUS COMMUNITY SERVICES

2470 Windy Hill Road, Suite 454, Marietta, GA 30067
770-916-1091

1054 Claussen Road, Suite 304, Augusta, GA 30907
706-736-0401

235 Roosevelt Avenue, Suite 410, Albany, GA 31701
229-435-3212

CREATIVE CONSULTING SERVICES

353 Resource Parkway,
Winder, GA 30680

770-868-5949

GEORGIA SUPPORT AND SOLUTIONS

101 Walke Dairy Road, Suite B, Dublin GA 31021
478-275-4845

PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING SERVICES OF AMERICA (PCSA)

2404 Bemiss Rd, Valdosta, GA 31602
229-241-1540

2097 Vistadale Court, Tucker, GA 30038
770-939-7370

**PARTICIPANT
DIRECTION**
Personal Choice and Control



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NOW
NEW OPTIONS WAIVER PROGRAM

COMP
**Comprehensive Supports
Waiver Program**

Georgia Department of Behavioral Health
& Developmental Disabilities

Division of Developmental Disabilities
Two Peachtree Street, NW
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-3142

PARTICIPANT - DIRECTION

Participant-Direction is commonly referred to as "Self-Direction". It allows the Individual with the disability (Participant) or their Representative to decide who will provide their waiver services; and what the Participant will pay for these services.

When you choose to self-direct your waiver services, you "**Take Charge**" of your budget and your employees. You decide:

- ◆ who works for you as your employees,
- ◆ what vendors you will use for supplies, goods and other services; and
- ◆ how much of your waiver budget you will spend on each service.

You recruit, hire and train your employees, decide what they will earn, and you decide what their job duties will be while working for you.

In order to self-direct your waiver services and supports, you must

- ◆ have a NOW or COMP Waiver;
- ◆ live in your own home or in the home of a family member;
- ◆ choose a Financial Support Services Provider to manage your waiver funds, and
- ◆ work with your Support Coordinator to make sure that your "choice" to self-direct is indicated in your ISP and your budget.

Note: You cannot self-direct your waiver services if you live in a residential facility or CRA, host home, or a personal care home.

WHO CAN SELF-DIRECT

- ◆ The Individual with the Waiver (Participant), or
- ◆ A legal Representative of the Participant, or
- ◆ Any person that a Participant 21 years or older chooses as their Representative.

HOW TO GET STARTED

- ◆ Contact your Support Coordinator and let them know that you want to self-direct your waiver services.
- ◆ Choose the agency that will manage your waiver money for you. This agency is called the Financial Support Services Provider or Fiscal Agent.
- ◆ Contact the Fiscal Agent of your choice and ask for their enrollment packet. Complete all of the required forms and send them back to the Fiscal Agent for processing.
- ◆ Follow-up and continue working with your Support Coordinator to make sure that your Individual Service Plan (ISP) and your individual Budget have been changed (amended) and processed to show your choice to self-direct your waiver services.

Note: You can have a combination of Participant-Directed and Traditional Agency Services in the same year.

VISIT THESE WEBSITES FOR DETAILED INFORMATION
DBHDD: DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
<http://dbhdd.georgia.gov>

NOW AND COMP WAIVERS - POLICY MANUALS
<http://www.mmis.georgia.gov>
>Provider Information > Provider Manuals

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

PARTICIPANT

Able to understand and perform the tasks required to employ workers/staff, including recruitment, hiring, scheduling, training, supervision, and termination.

Able to complete all required timesheets/invoices and manage the individual budget for NOW/COMP Participant-Directed services.

SUPPORT COORDINATION

A required service for Participants who self-direct their waiver services and supports.

Assists the Participant in the development of the Individual Service Plan and the Individual Budget for Participant-Direction.

Monitors waiver services on-site to make sure goals and responsibilities are met.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT SERVICES (FISCAL AGENT)

A required service for Participants who self-direct their waiver services and supports.

Performs customer-friendly, financial support and accounting services for the Participant.

Makes sure that your waiver funds are managed and distributed as authorized for your Participant-Directed waiver services and supports.