

Principles for Determining Individual Support Needs

☞ Foundation Principle ☞

Individuals, with the assistance of their families and friends, are the primary source for identifying what is best for themselves and what kinds of support they require.

☞ Supplementary Principles ☞

Recognizing that many adults with developmental disabilities require the assistance of paid supports to live, work and participate in the community, supplementary principles have been identified to guide supports funded by PDD.

- ☞ Supports assist individuals to be fully included and live meaningful lives in the community.
- ☞ Supports are adequate, flexible and individualized, while being responsive to personal and family changes, as well as community dynamics.
- ☞ Supports assist individuals to maintain and build their connections and relationships with family, friends and other community members and should not define all aspects of the person's life.
- ☞ Supports recognize the potential of individuals and provide them with opportunities for continuing growth, personal development and life-long learning.
- ☞ Supports respond to the direction determined by individuals, their families and guardians, being careful to follow their lead, rather than taking control.