#### Supporting Families LifeCourse Framework: Building Leadership Capacity of Families, Organizations and Systems, to Drive Change

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#### **About UMKC-IHD**

UCEDD/LEND with longstanding focus on Family Support, Self-Advocacy and Self-Determination

State and National Systems and Policy Change: National Community of Practice for Supporting Families

Statewide Family Resource Center, Family-to-Family HIC, for over 25 years with evolving and ongoing statewide partnership











#### Supporting Families LifeCourse Framework

#### Activities: Local, State and National Levels



#### Missouri LifeCourse Network Overview

LEVEL	MEMBERS
National Partners	National Community of Practice on Supports to Families (partner with NASDDDS & HSRI) Parent to Parent USA (p2pusa.org) HRSA/MCHB & Family Voices- National Family to Family HIC (familyvoices.org/states) The Learning Community on Person Centered Practices (learningcommunity.us)
SHCN Family Partners  DDD Regions	DMH Division of Developmental Disabilities DHSS SHCN Family Partnership DESE/First Steps/VR Show Me Careers Project Missouri state Supports to Families CoP team MACDDS Missouri Protection & Advocacy Services
Local Partners  Mo F2F Affliate Sites	171 Affiliate Organizations 12 - Regional Initiatives 6 - Project Specific Initiatives 75 - Active Affiliates 78- Info. Dissemination Affiliates
Self-Advocate & Family Leaders  Mo F2F Family Leaders by County  Legend  1	1023 Family Leaders in Network 699- Family Volunteers 550 - Trained SOS peer mentors 35 - Family Leadership Certificate Series Trained

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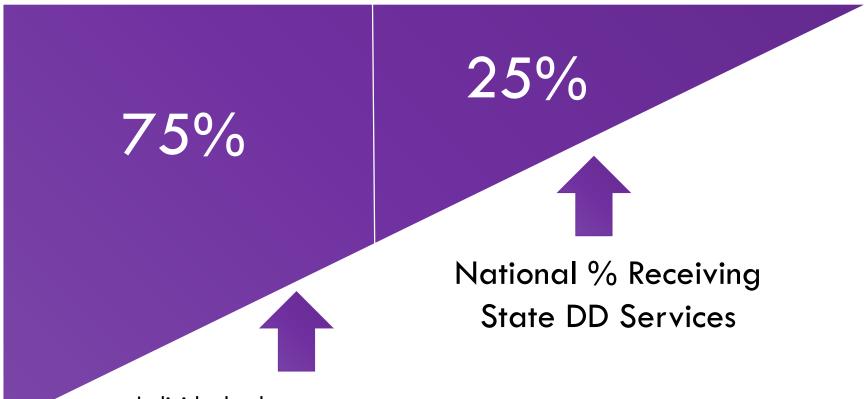
#### **Outcomes for Today**

- Provide overview of the Supporting Families LifeCourse Framework
- Share examples of how families and self-advocates are using LifeCourse Tools
- Discuss how Support Coordinators are using LifeCourse Tools with individuals and families they support
- Explore how states in the Community of Practice for Supporting Families are using the LifeCourse Framework to transform policies and systems



#### Focusing on ALL

ALL 4.9 Million people with developmental disabilities



- Individuals who:
- Unaware of disability specific services
- Do not want disability specific services
- Have a diagnosis but don't meet "eligibility criteria"



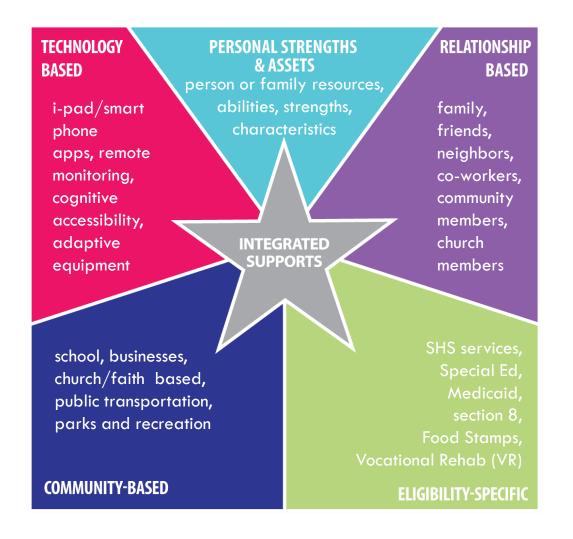
#### LifeCourse Framework



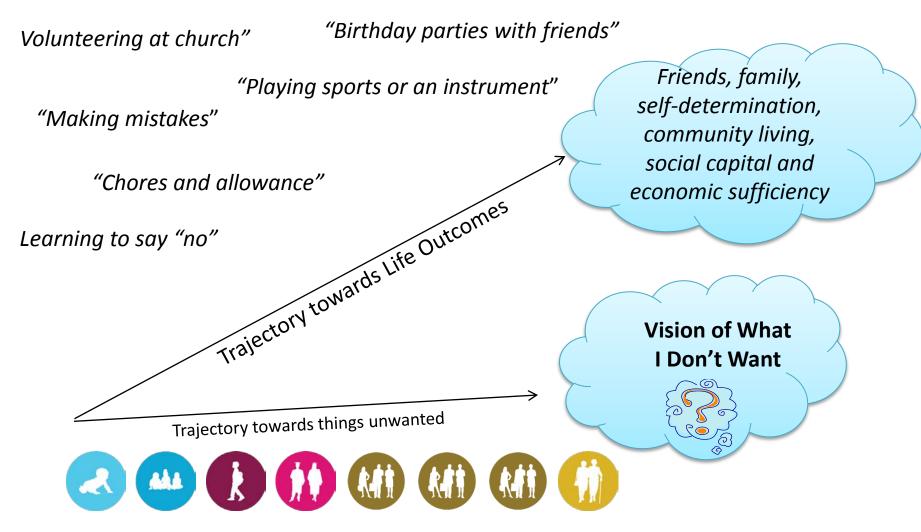
## Three Types of Supports



#### Integrated Supports STAR

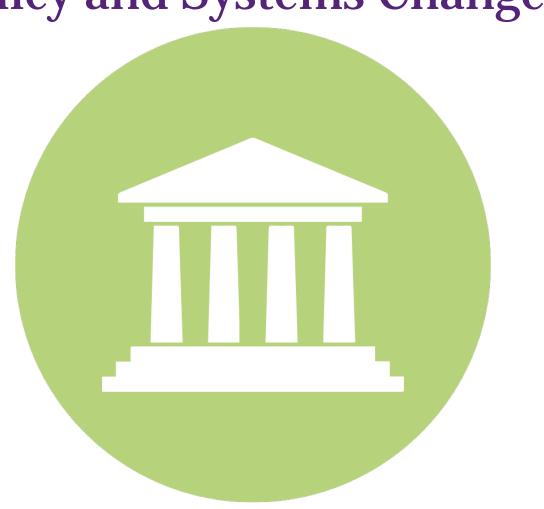


#### Life Trajectory, Life Experiences, Life Stages & Outcomes



Focusing on Past, Present and Future Life Experiences

#### People with DD and Families Engage, Lead and Drive Policy and Systems Change





## **Tools for Reframing**

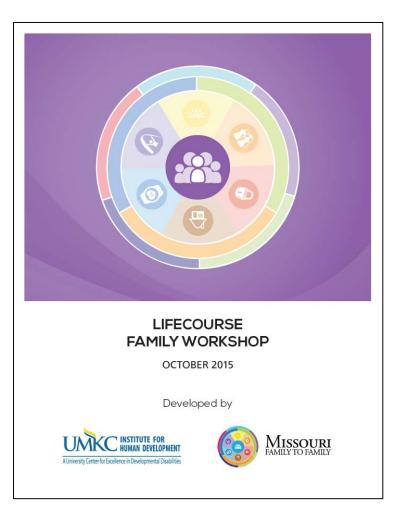




LifeCourse: Families & Self-Advocates Drive Change



# LifeCourse Curriculum for Families and Self-Advocates



- 4 hour interactive workshop
- Developed using Plan-Do-Study-Act
- Families and self-advocates learn to use LifeCourse tools for having conversations and driving plans
- Trained family facilitators
- Evaluation and Family Aspiration pre-survey

## **Evaluation & Family Survey**

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<ol> <li>I am confident in my ability to use LifeCourse tools to think about and have conversations about my family member's future; or in my professional role working with individuals and families.</li> </ol>	4	3	2		Friend Guardian (non-family) Other relative:		Be employed in a job specifically for people with disabilities Probably not be employed
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<ol> <li>I gained skills to use the Life Trajectory Worksheet to help my family member, myself and other supporters develop and articulate a vision for a good life.</li> </ol>	4	3	2		Not Hispanic/Latino	Community Living	Minimal paid supports such as personal care assistance   A lot of support, but less than 24 hour paid supports
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6) I feel more confident in my ability to navigate and make life expectations a reality for my family member or in my role as a professional working with individuals and families.	4	3	2		African American  American Indian/Alaska Native		□ Live alone in a house or apartment □ Live in a house/apartment with a roommate that he/she chooses □ Live in a house/apartment with a paid roommate
<ol> <li>I gained skills to use the Integrated Supports Star to problem solve or plan for needed supports from a variety of sources now and in the future.</li> </ol>	4	3	2		Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander  Other:		Live in a nouse/apartment with a paid commante  Live in a group home or other system supported housing  E. When my child is an adult, I believe he/she will:
8) I have learned skills I can use to advocate for what I want or what a person with a disability or a family wants in other formal meetings (IEP, ISP, IFSP, etc.)	4	3	2		Unknown Prefer not to say	<b>©</b>	When my child is an adult, I believe ne/s see will:      Be able to take care of own daily care needs (shower, toileting, preparing meals/snacks)  Need some support with daily needs
					otal Number of Children in Household	Healthy Living	□ Need 24 hour care for daily needs

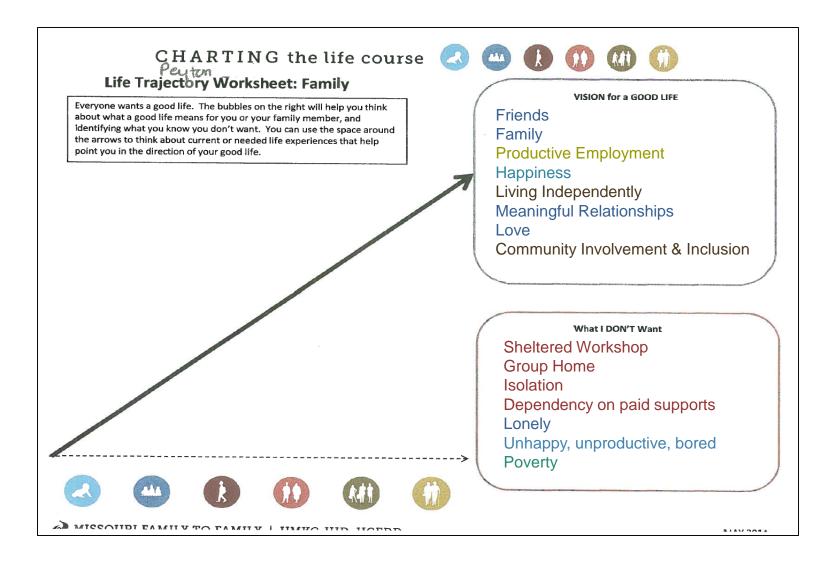
F. When my child becomes an adult, in order to be/stay healthy, I believe he/she will need:

□Physical, occupational, speech or other therapies
□Community based fitness classes
□To exercise or work out at a gym or at home
□To learn about the importance of healthy eating and exercise

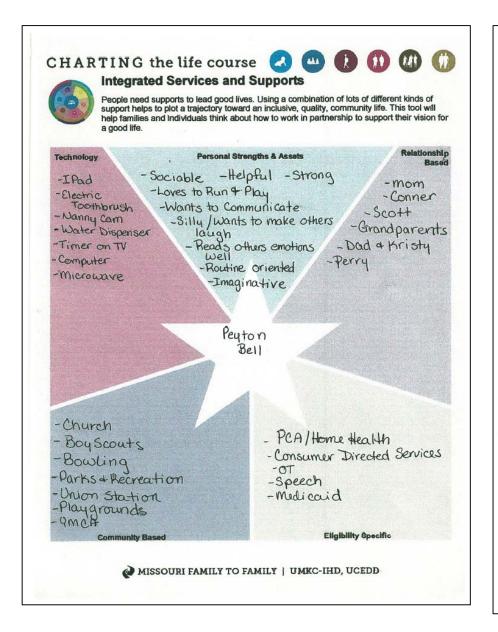
## Partnered with Organizations to Host LC Curriculum for Families

- Arc of St Louis
  - Transition age families
  - Elementary school age families
- St. Louis Special School District
  - Families, Transition Coordinators, other school personnel
  - Held 1st "train the family facilitator"
- Progressive Community Services (county board/TCM)
  - Families served in Buchanan County

## Peyton's Good Life Trajectory



## Peyton's Integrated Supports



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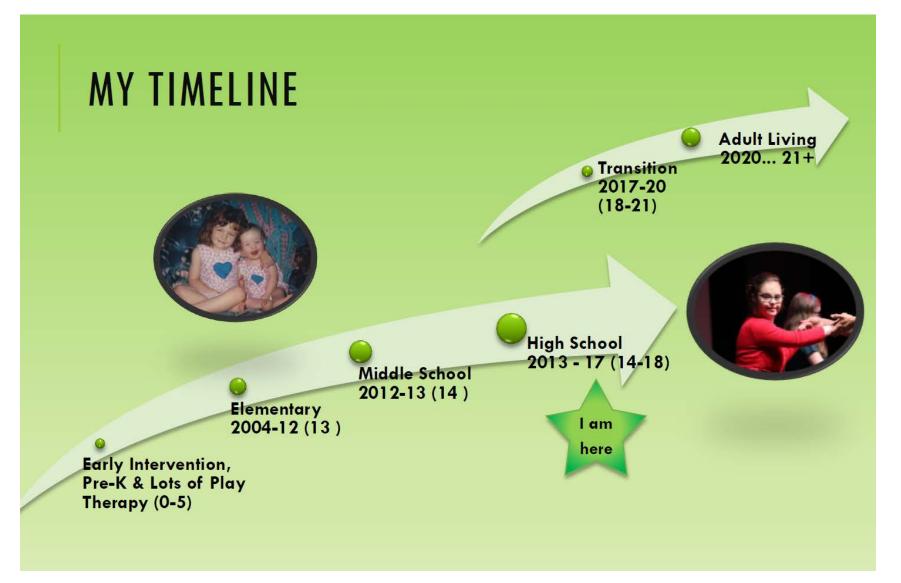
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# Jessica's Transition Plan: Self-led IEP Meeting

## Jessica's Trajectory



#### Vision for a Good Life

#### MY PLANS AS AN ADULT

- I want to be independent and make good choices for myself.
- After I graduate, I want to:
  - Go to college
  - Live in my own home with a friend
  - Work at a good job like the movie theater or Starbucks like my big sister!
  - Go to church
  - Have fun with my friends and family
- I need caregivers and staff to help me.
- I want to have a boyfriend and then some day get married in a wedding too.



#### What Jessica Doesn't Want

#### WHAT I DON'T WANT

- I don't want to work in a sheltered workshop or in some boring place making less than minimum wage.
- I don't want everyone else to assume they know what I want and make all my choices for me.



- I don't want to live in a group home or an institution with a whole bunch of other people.
- I don't want to be lonely, isolated, or "lumped in" either with everyone else with a disability.

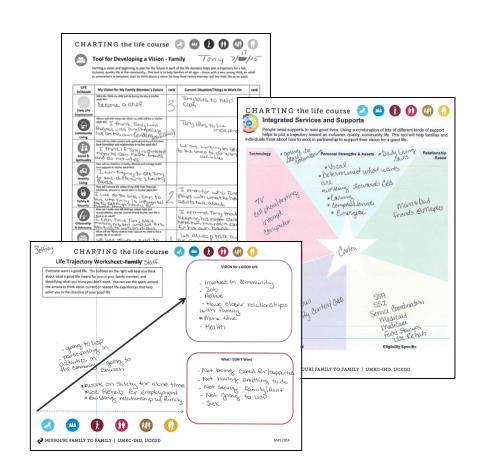


## Support Coordination:

Tools for Exploring and Planning with People with Disabilities and their Families

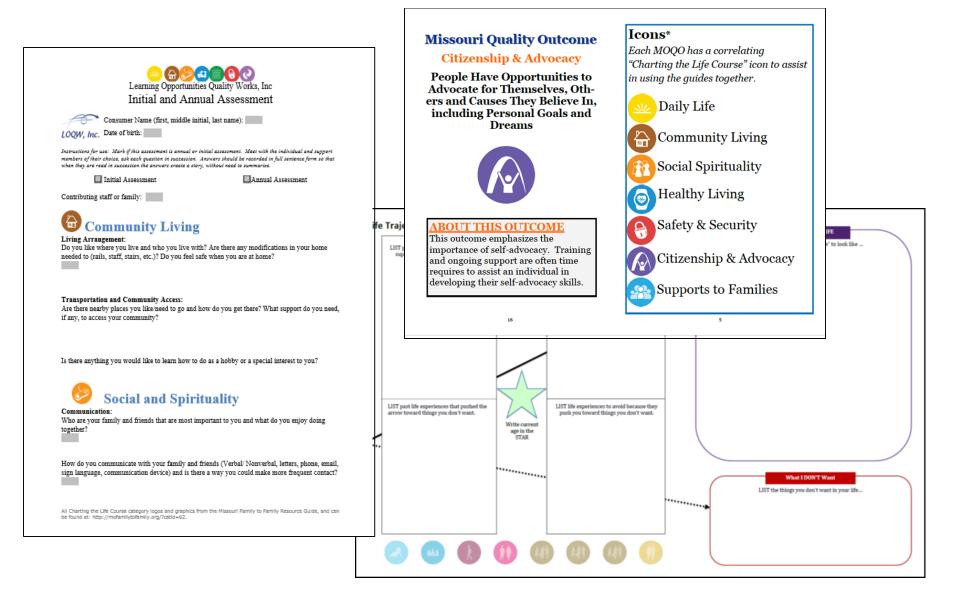
# **Enhancing Skills of Support Coordinators**

- Updating DDD Statewide Support Coordinator Manual
- Hosting LifeCourse Training Workshops and Coaching Sessions
- Participation in LifeCourse Tools and Practice Workgroup

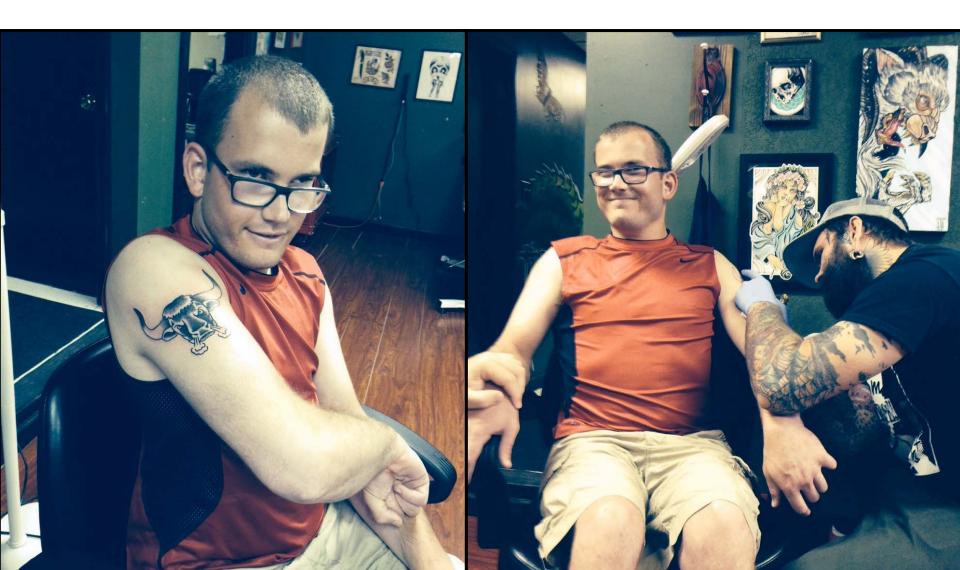




## Developing Person-Centered Guidelines & Templates in Response to HCBS Person-Centered Rule



## Self-Directed DDD Services: Ben's GOOD LIFE



#### I PITY THE FOOL WHO DOESN'T LIKE



#### BEN'S ONE PAGE

#### WHAT PEOPLE LIKE & ADMIRE ABOUT ME

- I like to make other people feel good and be happy.
- I have a great smile and a contagious laugh. I frequently "get the giggles"!
- · I'm fun, silly and friendly!
- I am a dedicated volunteer in my community
- I am an Eagle Scout and an adult leader in scouting been involved in service through scouting since first grade.
- I am a man about town!
- My tattoo!!
- My great hugs!
- I am willing to try new things...
- · I remember songs and who sings them
- I am not usually a complainer, even though sometimes I am in pain or uncomfortable

#### WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO ME

- My family and friends
- Volunteering at the Fire Station, wearing my uniform and badge
- · Going to the library
- · Going to church
- My TV, DVR, and radio/CD player (I like to play them all at once sometimes)
- My iPad
- WWE wrestling I love when my brother Matt takes me to live shows
- Nascar Racing(Jeff Gordon is my favorite driver)
- · Going to country music concerts
- Feeling like I belong
- Being like everybody else, not being treated differently
- Getting a tattoo (already planning my next tattoo)
- · Having control over my life as much as possible
- My Excelsior Springs Tigers especially football
- · Riding horses at NTRC
- · Facebook friends
- Having an occasional beer with friends
- · Having a purpose and being productive

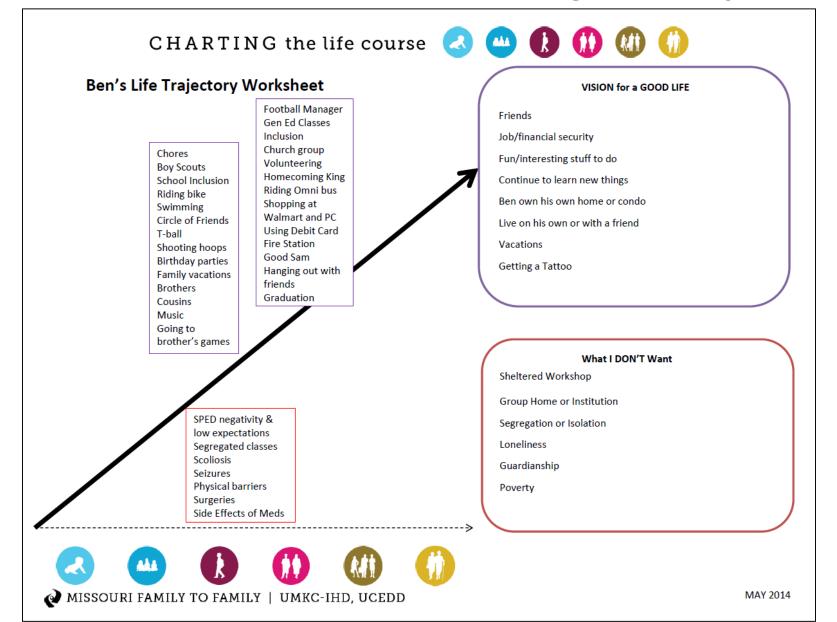
#### HOW BEST TO SUPPORT ME

- I need help remembering things, like what I did or who I saw today.
- I get confused easily so I need help not getting lost or turned around when I am out and about.
- I know what times I am supposed to take my meds, but I need help getting them out and getting refills.
- I get anxious sometimes, need to be reassured that people I care about will be there for me.
- I don't like to spend time alone, but I am working on it, help me not be so anxious when I am alone for short periods of time.
- I sometimes need someone to steady me if I get off balance.
- I need to rest or extra support if I have to do a lot of walking or standing. If I am shopping, it helps if I am the cart-pusher.
- I need support keeping in touch with friends and family and practicing having good conversations.
- I'm friendly even though I may not look you in the eye at first

# Tools Used for Planning and Day-to-Day Supports for DMH Division of DD

#### Ben's One Page Profile

#### Ben's Good Life Trajectory



# Ben's Integrated Services and Supports Star



TECHNOLOGY BASED

I-pad, apps,
Facebook,
Facetime,
Digital watch,
Vibrating
toothbrush,
Glasses

PERSONAL STRENGTHS
& ASSETS
Outgoing personality

Outgoing personality, friendly, Eagle Scout, can ride city bus

Ben's
INTEGRATED
SUPPORTS

RELATIONSHIP BASED

Dad, Mom, Matt,
Zac, Ali, Chad,
Ericka, Sheli,
Firemen friends,
Ange, Pam, Wally,
Josh B., Matt S.,
Mike, Nick,
Scouting friends

Omni bus, Walmart,
24 Hour Fitness,
library, Price Chopper, Dr. T.,
St. Ann's church, ES Fire Dept,
joint bank account, direct
deposit, Power of attorney

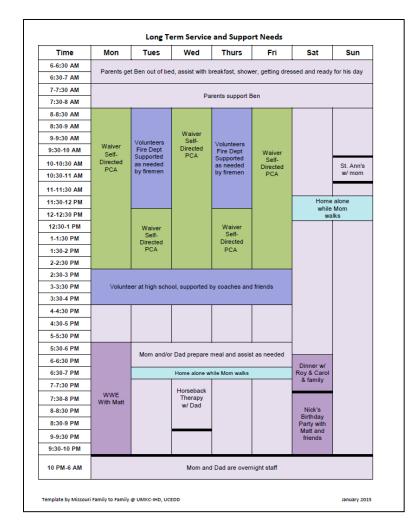
**COMMUNITY-BASED** 

PCA –DDD, selfdirected supports Social Security, Medicaid, Special Needs Trust

**ELIGIBILITY-SPECIFIC** 

## Integrating Supports into Real Life

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#### Integrated STAR Activities

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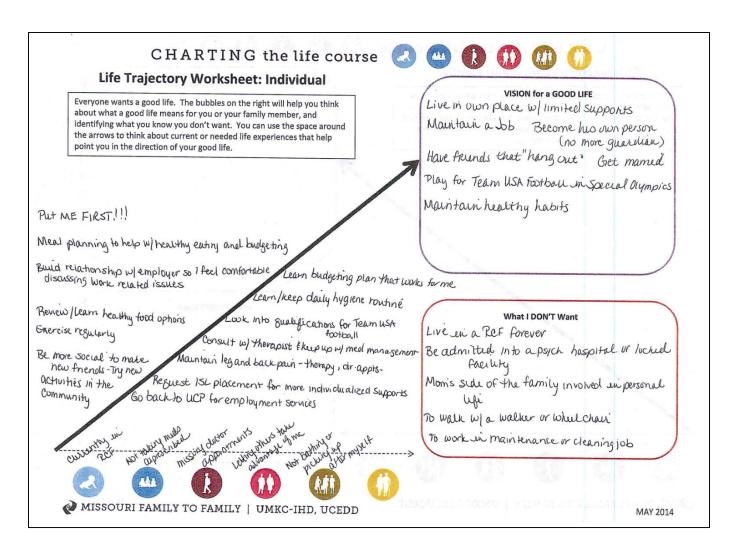
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## Ben's Integrated **Activities:**

#### Personal Assistant Plan

## Shay's Life Trajectory



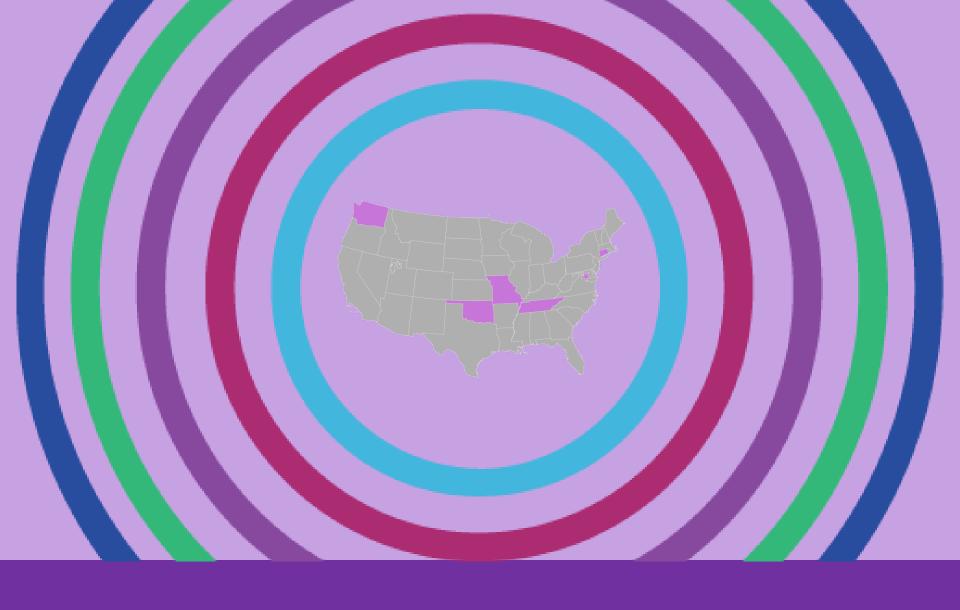


LifeCourse: Organizational Change



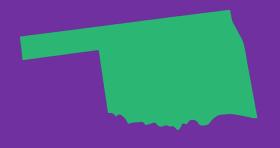
# Organizational Strategic Thinking: LOQW and PCS





LifeCourse: DD Systems Change

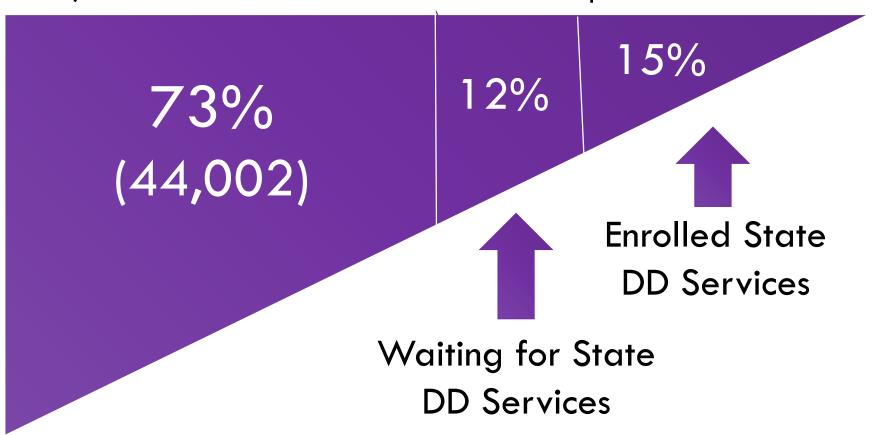
- State DD System
  - Existing initiatives focused on person centered planning
  - Enhance role of case managers and intake workers to focus on support to families
- Governors Blue Ribbon
   Task Force using LifeCourse
   framework to guide
   conversations and plan
   development



#### Oklahoma

## Oklahomans with I/DD

60,277 estimated Oklahomans with Developmental Disabilities



Based on 1.58% prevalence of 3.815 million citizens, US Census

## Reframing Wait List Discussion

Information about Oklahomans with DD on Waiting List							
0-5	6-18	19-64	65+	Total	Details		
624	2579	3714	59	6,976	Names on Waiting List		
114	620	850	11	1,695	On list, No known public benefits		
510	1959	2864	48	5281	On list, Getting Some Public benefits		

## Governor's Blue Ribbon Task Force

Governor's Blue Ribbon Panel for Developmental Disabilities

## **Executive Summary**

Recommendations to the Honorable Mary Fallin
Governor of the State of Oklahoma
April 2015

## **Strategies:**

- 1. Strengthen Information Access
- 2. Provide Resource Navigation and Improve Inter-Agency Service Coordination
- 3. Provide family-to-family support to individuals and families who are currently on the Waiting List or who apply for Waiver Services.
- Assess needs of families currently on the Waiting List.
- Build capacity of services and supports outside of those provided through DDS waivers.

## Self-Advocate and Family Educational Training

- Statewide Joining Forces Family Leadership Conference
- Rural Leadership Institutes
- Partners in Policymaking

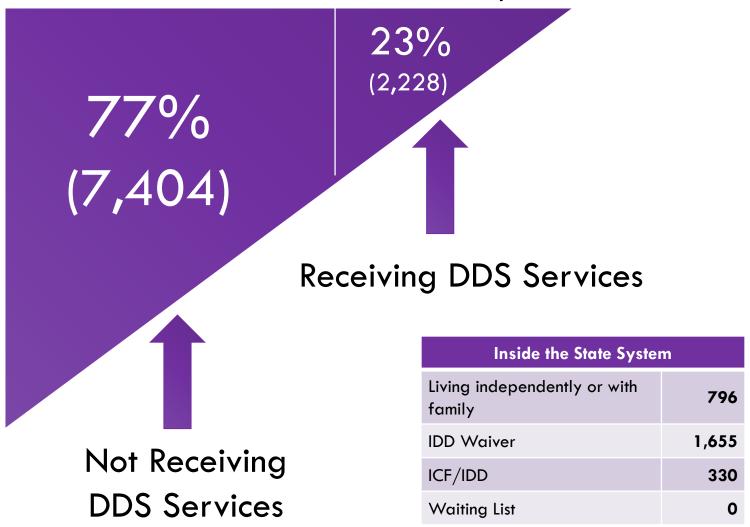
- Currently Legacy System
  - Adults with Intellectual Disabilities only
  - Commitment to community based supports
  - Stalled at reforming the law
- Developing new Legislation for DD Services
- Budget Line Item for Supports to Families
- Initiated Supporting Families Advisory Council
- Connecting System Reform Initiatives Together (Employment First, Person Centered Thinking: Trained Family Facilitators, Supporting Families CoP)



## District of Columbia

## Individuals in DC with I/DD

9,632 individuals estimated to have Developmental Disabilities\*



<sup>\*</sup>Based on 1.49% prevalence, S. Larson, University of Minnesota (2013)

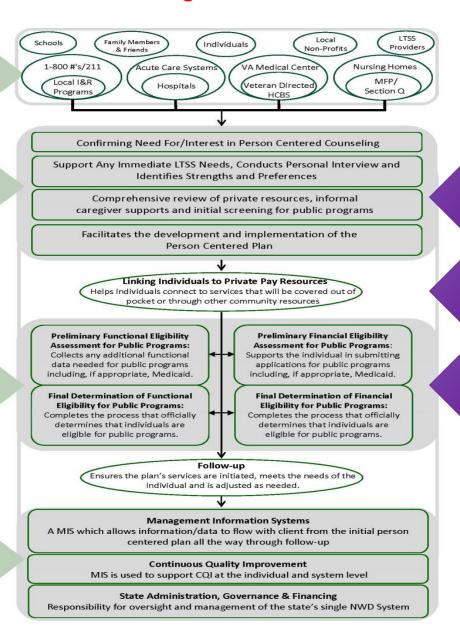
## **No Wrong Door SYSTEM**

Sources of Referral to Person Centered Counseling

Person Centered Counseling

Streamlined Access to Public Programs

Administration of the NWD System



## Focus of CoP Supports to Families and DD System:

- Support Coordination
- Person Centered Thinking, Planning, and Facilitation
- Family Navigation and Family Neworks
- LifeCourse Framework and Tools
- Responding to new CMS HCBS rule
- Focusing on Front
   Door of DD Services

Developmental Disability Field has been evolving from an institutional based to system to a person centered system for many years

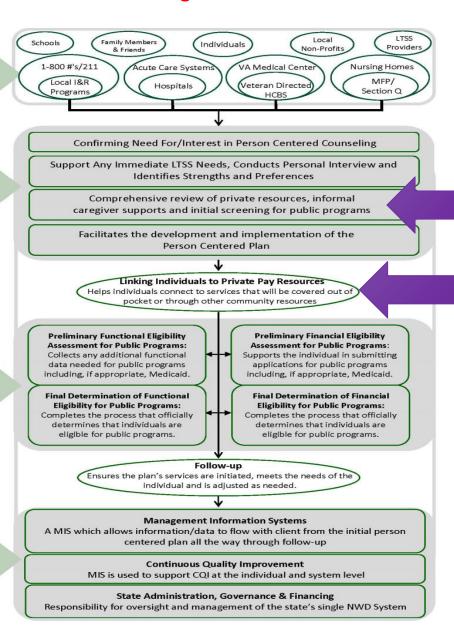
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LifeCourse Tools focusing on Adapting, Accommodating and Integrating Supports:

- Own Strengths, Assets and Resources
- Technology
- Relationships
- Community Resources
- Eligibility Specific Services and Supports

Planning may require identifying, developing and adapting supports beyond private and public supports



LifeCourse: Domain Specific





Daily Life: Focus on Employment

## Connecting the Dots and Integrating Missouri Initiatives

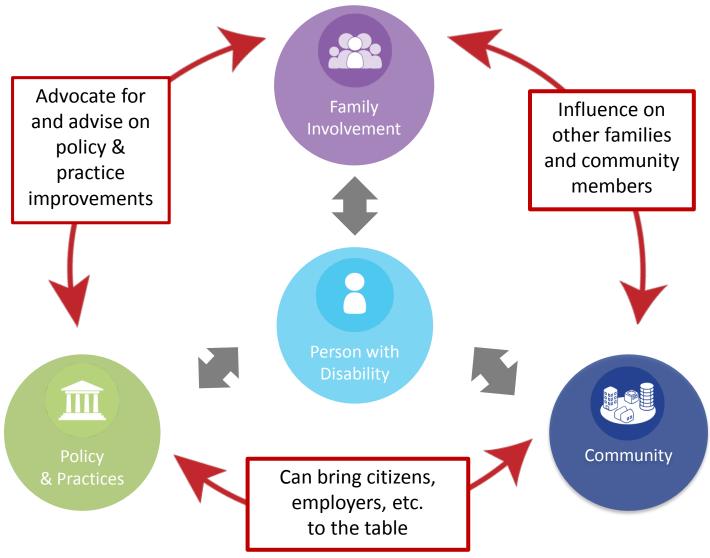








## Family Involvement and Employment Outcomes





## SHOW-ME-CAREERS: Family Involvement Initiative

Develop materials to enable local pilot community teams to:

- Enhance family expectations related to integrated employment and post-secondary education as a preferred outcome
- Increase family capacity to effectively utilize available resources that support movement toward integrated employment and post-secondary education
  - Awareness of expectations of employment for people with disabilities (federal/state policies, cultural shift)
  - **Knowledge about possibilities** for employment, career and post secondary education options for people with disabilities
  - Access to resources and supports to learn about, plan for and make employment a reality

## Charting the LifeCourse



## Daily Life & Employment

## LIFE DOMAIN









## Daily Life & Employment

What a person does as part of everyday life-school, employment, volunteering, communication, routines, life skills.

## LIFE STAGE









## Transition

Transitioning from school to adult life (14-22)

**DEVELOPED BY** 



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH



## Daily Life:

Focus on **Employment** 

> Domain **Booklet**



## Technology

- Online resume builders
- i-Pad or smart phone
- Computer
- Online classes
- Social media to connect and search for jobs
- Apps to help learn job skills or stay safe
- Vehicle or home modifications
- Calendar to keep track of schedule
- · Alarm clock or app
- · Electronic reminders
- Calculator
- Direct deposit and automatic bill pay

## Personal Strengths & Assets

- · Has chores and responsibilities at home or school
- Uses alarm to wake up and get ready for school or work
- · Knows how to access and use public transportation
- Has had summer job or other work experience
- · Able to communicate needs
- Uses a debit card

## My Employment Goal

## Relationship Based

- Job shadow family member
- Spend day with friend at their college or trade school
- Ask family friends, teachers what kind of job they think you would be good at
- Start carpool or ride co-op
- Ask neighbors, friends or family about doing odd jobs for them
- Ask same age peers about their summer or part time jobs
- Ask friends and family about jobs or education plans after high school

- · Visit businesses to learn about jobs
- Visit colleges or technical schools
- · Attend career day or job fair at school or in community
- Talk to school counselor about your job interests
- . Go to bank and open a student or joint bank account
- · Explore local transportation options
- · Learn to use public transportation
- Participate in community theater, after school clubs, sports, scouts, boys/girls clubs

- Vocational Rehabilitation or Independent Living Center for job exploration or assistance
- Area Career Center for job interest and skill assessment
- IEP or Transition plan to learn skills and work experience
- IEP to develop a Circle of Friends
- · Agencies or providers who offer social skills classes
- Special Olympics or Challenger sports programs
- Disability specific social groups
- · DDD system personal care supports
- · Job coaching

**Eligibility Specific** 

## Daily Life: Focus on

**Employment** 

## Integrated Supports Star



## **Community Based**

## Who is Using LC Employment Tools?

- Vocational Rehabilitation
  - PETS (Pre Employment Transition Specialists)
  - Employment Specialists
- School Districts
  - Special Ed Teachers
  - School Counselors
- State DD System
  - Employment & Youth Transition Specialists
  - Support Coordinators

## Adult Employment Trajectory

## **Employment Trajectory Worksheet:** Contributions: Skills, Experience, Attributes, Talents Hard Working On time / prompt / reliable Count Courthouse- Custodial Work, fill in Wakes up around 6 am Motivated by money Shred Shed- temporarily shredded pape Will pick up extra shifts Knows what cleaning supplies are used Hannibal Regional Office- Car Detail while cleaning the restroom and how to use them safely Hannibal Inn- Dishwashing Showers and wears clean LOQW- Washed vehicles clothing each day Sheltered Workshop Will work weekends Preferences: Before 1996 '96-'01 2010 2014 2014 2015 · Cutting grass Support Needs: What I DON'T Want To work near kids because it is not safe Sheltered Workshop employment- Kenny does not want to work with "those people" and dislikes the job because it does not pay well · Overnight shifts because he likes to go to bed early and wake up early Full time employment because of the need for Medicaid to maintain a healthy

## VISION for good employment and a GOOD LIFE

### Long term employment desires and goals:

Kenny would like to find a job that he is good at and enjoys for long term employment. Kenny enjoys custodial work and finds that it is a good match for him. He finds it very important that the factors under "What I DON'T Want" are respected when job seeking.

Kenny's ultimate goal is to find full time employment with benefits and to live independently. Kenny understands that this can only happen when it is considered safe for himself and everyone else.

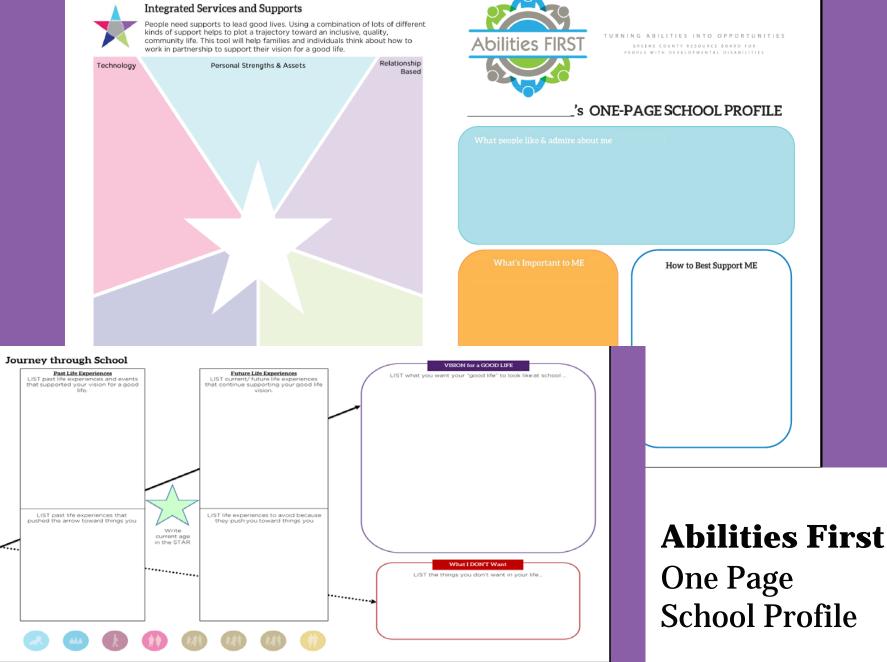
- Part-time employment
- Line-of-site supervision at all times
- Make at least minimum wage
- Co-workers / staff are respectful to him
- Would like to work indoors when the weather outside is too hot
- Custodial employment
- Assistance learning the routine and new job
- Reminders to be clean shaven
- Transportation to and from work from Carrs
- Audio learner with demonstration as needed

(May include: Schedule, Salary, Benefits, Appearance, Learning Style, Supervisor Interaction, Environment, etc.)

living environment

· Frequent changes in staff, unexpected job task changes





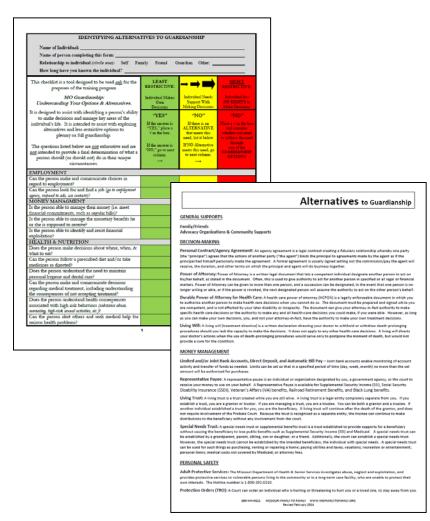




Safety and Security: Focus on Supported Decision Making

## Mo Guardianship: Understanding Options and Alternatives

- Developed and launched in 2009/2013
- Workshops for families, self-advocates, and professionals
- Promoted making informed decisions about guardianship with emphasis on supported decision making



## Technology

## Personal Strengths & Assets

## Relationship Based

## Decision Making

- Smart Phone
- Telephone
- Computer

### Money Management

- Online Banking
- Debit Card

## Personal Safety

- GPS Enabled Device
- Personal Safety Device
- Remote Monitoring
- Computer or Electronic locks

## Decision Makina:

 Ability to communicate wants, needs, and wishes (traditional, sign, gesture, communication device)

### Money Management:

Understands concept of money

## Personal Safety:

- Knows address, phone, other contacts
- Disaster or Emergency Plan
- Ready bag for emergencies

Options & Alternatives To Guardianship

## Safety & Security:

## Decision Making Supports

- Personal Contract or Agency Agreement
- Power of Attorney -
- Power of Attorney for Health Care
- Supported (Shared) Decision Making

## Money Management

Joint Bank Account

## Personal Safety

Close Family & Friends

## Decision Making

- Medical Advisors (Doctor, Nurse)
- Clergy or Life Coach
- Financial Advisors
- Educational Advisors (Teacher, Counselor)

### Money Management:

- Limited Bank Account
- Direct Deposit
- Automatic Bill Pay

### Personal Safety

- Neighbors
- Police
- **Emergency Medical Responders**

## Community Based

### Decision Making

- Service Coordinator
- Plenary or Limited Guardianship

### Money Management

- Representative Payee for SSI, SSDI, VA or other
- Supplemental Special Needs Trust

### Personal Safety

- Personal Care Attendant/Direct Care Worker
- Adult Protective Services

Eligibility Specific

## Safety and Security: Focusing on

## Supported Decision Making

## **Integrated Supports** Star



## IDENTIFYING ALTERNATIVES TO GUARDIANSHIP

This tool was designed to assist with identifying a person's ability to make decisions and manage key areas of life.

It is intended to assist with exploring alternatives and less restrictive options to plenary or full guardianship.

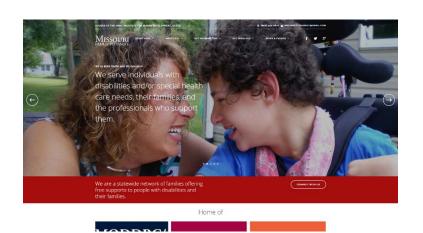
Name of Individual:								
Name of person completing this form:								
Relationship to individual (circle one): Self Family Friend Guardian Other:								
How long have you known the individual?								
Step 1: Decide for each question if the answer is yes or no. If yes, put a checkmark in the GREEN column – this means the person is good to go. If NO, put a mark in the yellow column.	18:	19:	18:					
Step 2: When you have completed all the questions, explore alternatives to guardianship to meet the supported decision making need for all questions marked in the yellow column.	10	18	187					
Step 3: ONLY if NO alternative can be identified, then limited guardianship might be considered for those specific areas of need.	Can person decide or direct this activity independently most of the time?	Can person decide or direct this activity with assistance most of the time?	Does the person requires substituted decision making support?					
DAILY LIFE & EMPLOYMENT								
Can the person make and communicate choices in regard								
to employment?								
Can the person look for and find a job (go to employment								
agency, respond to ads, use contacts)?								
Is the person able to manage their money (i.e. meet								
financial commitments, such as regular bills)?								
Is the person able to manage the monetary benefits he or								
she is supposed to receive?								
Is the person able to identify and resist financial								
exploitation?								
(iii) HEALTHY LIVING								
Does the person make decisions about where, when, &								
what to eat?								
Can the person follow a prescribed diet and/or take								
medicines as directed?								
Does the person understand the need to maintain								
personal hygiene and dental care?								
Can the person make and communicate decisions								
regarding medical treatment, including understanding the								
consequences of not accepting treatment?								
Does the person understand health consequences								
associated with high risk behaviors (substance abuse,								
overeating, high-risk sexual activities, etc.)?								
Can the person alert others and seek medical help for								
serious health problems?								
Is the person able to decide and direct what kinds of								
support they need or want and select who provides those								
supports?								

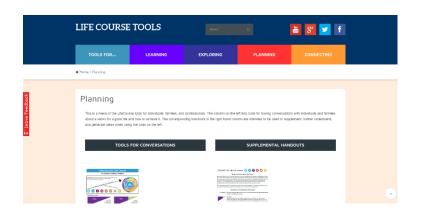
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The Stoplight Tool

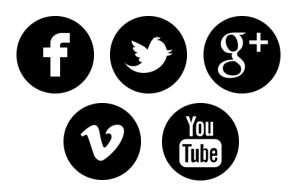


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## Questions, Reflections and Discussion