Person Centered Planning: Guiding Principles

Supports for individuals with disabilities will:

✓ Ensure dignity and respect for each person as a valued individual.
✓ Be entitled to the rights, privileges, opportunities, and responsibilities of community membership.
✓ Be supported and encouraged to develop personal relationships, learning opportunities, work and income options, and worship opportunities as full participants in community life.
✓ Be based on individually determined goals, choices, and priorities.
✓ Be easily accessed and provided regardless of the intensity of individual need.
✓ Be afforded the opportunity to direct the planning, selection, implementation, and evaluation of their services and supports.
✓ Require that funding be flexible and cost effective and make use of natural, generic, and specialized resources.
✓ Be the primary decision makers in their own lives.
✓ Be evaluated based on outcomes for individuals.

The work we do and the way we work will:

✓ Ensure that all persons have dignity and value, and are worthy of respect.
✓ Provide safeguards to ensure personal security, safety, and protection of legal and human rights.
✓ Be coordinated on person-centered and family-centered principles, focusing on individual needs, strengths, and choices.
✓ Support that all people have strengths and abilities and are the primary decision-makers in their lives.
✓ Provide information and supports that promote informed decision-making.
✓ Promote partnerships with all stakeholders critical to the success of our efforts.
✓ Be accessible and culturally responsible.
✓ Access informal and generic community resources whenever possible in the most integrated community setting appropriate to the person.
✓ Be based on best practice and utilize state-of-the-art skills and information.
✓ Be directed toward the achievement of interdependence, contribution, and meaningful participation in the community.
✓ Distribute resources in an equitable manner according to individual need and comply with requirements governing public funds administered by the system.