

An Overview of

# The STRONG Partnership Planning Process

*Supporting Transition Resources and  
Opportunities in Neighborhoods Grant  
A Family Support 360 Grant  
Administration for Developmental Disabilities*

# Think of STRONG as a Construction Process (but without the hard hats!)

We have the foundation that the members of this Partnership and others have been building for a number of years now.

The goal of STRONG is to recognize and support this work and to build upon it.

# The Partnership will explore issues related to:

- I. Context
- II. Vision
- III. Inclusion
- IV. Person/Family-Centered Life Mapping
- V. Community Assets Mapping
- VI. Infrastructure Development
- VII. Implementation Planning

# Context

- The Neighborhood Place: mission, vision, values, history, organizational structure, and operations.
- The principles and research-based practices that form the foundation for successful transition and self-determination.

# Vision

- Develop the STRONG Partnership's collective vision for a transition resource center in the Neighborhood Place.
- Define the community and person/family level outcomes that are expected to occur as a result of the Center's development.

# Inclusion

- Our strength and success will largely rest on the degree to which persons with disabilities and their families are active contributors throughout the planning process.
- It is important that, as a Partnership, we define inclusion, establish performance indicators, and monitor the process to assure ongoing inclusion.

- “... the most powerful communities are those that can identify the gifts of those people at the margins and pull them into community life.” John McKnight

# Person/Family Centered Life Mapping

- The types of services and supports and relationships that our community would ideally have in-place to support successful transition and self-determination across the life-span.
- The values, preferences, and expectations of persons with disabilities and their families that must inform the Partnership's decision-making.

# Community Assets Mapping

- Focuses on capacities and strengths as opposed to needs.
- Appreciates the unique combination of assets that each neighborhood brings.
- Asks the individuals/families who will use the Center and others who live and/or work in the area to describe their neighborhood's strengths and assets.
- Recognizes and supports the work already going on in the neighborhoods.

# Infrastructure Development

To plan for (but not limited to):

- Community education
- Family information and education
- Training and professional development
- Resource acquisition
- Quality, outcomes and accountability

# Implementation Planning

Such as:

- Outreach and recruitment plan
- Services and supports to be offered
- Operating policies and procedures
- Referral processes, interagency collaborations, etc.
- Staffing, including supervision
- Training
- Data collection and reporting
- Space and equipment needs
- Funding

# Committees

- Outreach, Recruitment, and Inclusion
- Staff Development, Training, and Community Education
- Community Resource Development
- Transition Life Mapping
- Community Assets Mapping
- Implementation Planning