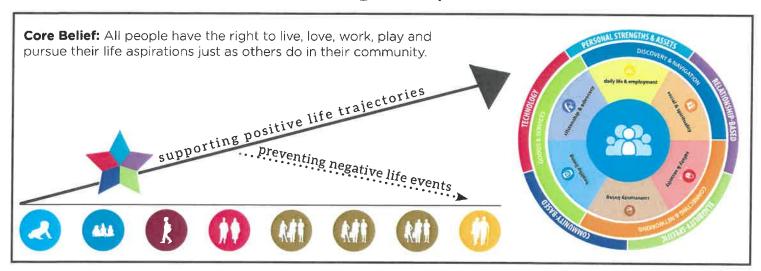
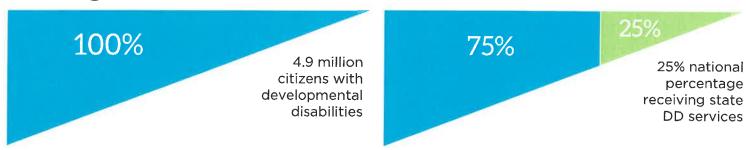
# Charting the LifeCourse™

#### **Guiding Principles**



#### **Focusing on ALL**



Based on 1.49% prevalence, US Census 2013. Braddock et al, State of the State 2013

#### **Life Stages and Life Domains**



#### Meaningful Day & Employment:

What you do as part of everyday life – school, employment, volunteering, communication, routines, life skills.



#### **Community Living**

Where and how you live – housing and living options, community access, transportation, home modifications.



#### Safety & Security

Staying safe and secure – emergencies, well-being, guardianship options, legal rights and issues.



#### **Healthy Living**

Managing and accessing health care and staying well- medical, mental health, behavior, developmental, wellness and nutrition.



#### **Social & Spirituality**

Building friendships and relationships, leisure activities, personal networks, faith community.



#### **Citizenship & Advocacy**

Building valued roles, making choices, setting goals, assuming responsibility and driving how one's own life is lived.



#### Prenatal/Infancy

Early years, wondering if meeting developmental milestones



#### **Early Childhood**

Preschool age, getting a diagnosis



#### School Age

Everyday life during school years



#### Transition

Transitions from school to adult life—Realizing school is almost over!



#### **Adulthood**

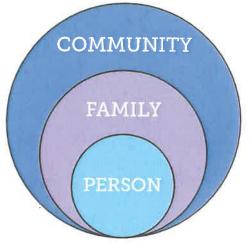
Living life as an adult



#### Aging

Getting older and preparing for end of life (parent/family/individual)

# Person within the Context of Family & Community



People with disabilities are members of their families and communities

# COMMUNITY FAMILY SERVICES PERSON

With the best of intentions



All people receive integrated services and supports

#### Integrated Supports for a Good Life

#### PERSONAL STRENGTHS & ASSETS

Life experiences, personal knowledge, personality traits, belongings, social skills, education and training

#### TECHNOLOGY

iPad/smartphone
"apps", remote
monitoring, cognitive
accessibility,
adaptive
equipment

#### RELATIONSHIPS

Family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, community members, church members

INTEGRATED SUPPORTS

#### COMMUNITY BASED

Schools, public transportation, businesses, churches, public safety, hospitals, parks & recreation

#### **ELIGIBILITY SPECIFIC**

Developmental disability services, special education, Medicaid, food stamps, Section 8 housing, Vocational Rehabilitation



#### Discovery & Navigation: Knowledge & Skills

- Information on disability
- Knowledge about best practices and values
- Skills to navigate and access services
- Ability to advocate for services and policy change

#### Connections & Partnerships: Mental Health & Self-efficacy

- Parent-to-Parent Support
- Self-Advocacy Organizations
- · Family Organizations
- Sib-shops
- Support Groups
- Professional Counseling
- Non-disability community support

#### Goods and Services: Instrumental Supports

- Self/Family-Directed services
- Transportation
- Respite/Childcare
- Adaptive equipment
- Home modifications
- · Financial assistance
- Cash Subsidies
- Short/Long term planning
- Caregiver supports & training

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#### LIFECOURSE TOOLKIT

This is a menu of the LifeCourse Tools for individuals, families, and professionals. The column on the left lists tools for having conversations with individuals and families about a vision for a good life and how to achieve it. The corresponding handouts in the right hand column are intended to be used to supplement, further understand, and generate ideas when using the tools on the left.

#### **Tools for Conversations**

questions.

LifeCourse Infographic

to help with understanding the

LifeCourse framework guiding

the framework and presents the

pairs best with a presentation or

information concisely. This handout

This handout is a visual representation

principles. It highlights the key areas of

professional who knows the framework



#### **Supplemental Handouts**

# Foundation of the LifeCourse Framework This tool explains the main elements and core beliefs of the life course

This tool explains the main elements and core beliefs of the life course framework. It can be used to help someone who is unfamiliar with the LifeCourse framework or tools understand the basics and explain it to others.



# Life Trajectory Worksheet: Individual/Family

well and is able to answer any

Everyone wants a good life, and defines their good life in their own way. This tool can be used to help individuals and families think about what a good life means to them, and also identify what they know they don't want. The space around the arrows can be used to think about current or needed life experiences that help point the trajectory arrow in the direction of the good life vision.



# Charting the LifeCourse: Experiences and Questions Booklet

This booklet helps individuals and families know the questions to ask and things to think about throughout the life course, in order to have the experiences that help lead to the good life that they envision. Most of the questions and life experiences in this booklet could apply to anyone, whether they have a disability or not!



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# Tool for Developing a Vision: Individual and Family Versions

Forming a vision and beginning to plan for the future in each of the life domains helps plot a trajectory for a full, inclusive, quality life in the community. This tool is to help individuals of all ages and/or their families—from the very young child, an adult or somewhere in between - start to think about a more specific vision for life as an adult. This tool also helps individuals and families narrow down what life domain(s) they are focusing on by rating what is most important to them at this point in time.



#### **Exploring Life Possibilities**

There are many options for living, working, and playing in the community. What might have been great 30 years ago, may not work for today's vision of a quality life in the community. This tool is to help individuals and families look at a variety of life options, some of which are traditional or historic and no longer preferred by many, some that are known and tried, but not necessarily the norm, and others that are new or unfamiliar to individuals, families and professionals.















#### **Integrated Supports Star**

People often need support to lead good lives. Using a combination of many different kinds of support helps to plot a trajectory toward an inclusive, quality, community life. This tool will help families and individuals brainstorm the supports that they already have or might need in order to work in partnership to make their vision for a good life possible.



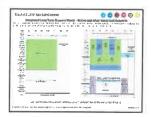
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# Long Term Service and Support Needs Template

Once people have figured out the types of supports needed and/or existing, this template is a way to apply the supports to a daily/weekly schedule.



#### Long Term Service and Support Needs – Before and After Integrating Support

This is an example of what the template looks like filled out for a particular individual in a more traditional systems model and in an integrated support model.

#### **ALSO AVAILABLE**



# Charting the LifeCourse: Daily Life & Employment

This 20-page guide is meant to help transition age youth and families figure out what daily life is going to look like after high school ends. It includes activities and resources to begin to think about jobs, careers, or continuing education in adult life.



# Charting the LifeCourse: Focus on Transition

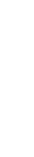
This short, four page guide can be given to youth and parents of youth who are nearing or have reached transition age, to help them begin to think about things in each of the life domains that will be important in the transition from school to adult life. It includes questions to ask and options to consider and discuss with transitioning youth, to move toward a vision for a good life as an adult.



#### Charting the LifeCourse: Focus on Aging

This short, four page guide can be given to aging individuals, caregivers, family members, and supporters to help them think about some of the questions to ask, options to consider, and conversations to have as they age. Choices and decisions individuals and family member make during this time can help to positively shape the future and the life they will live as they get older.

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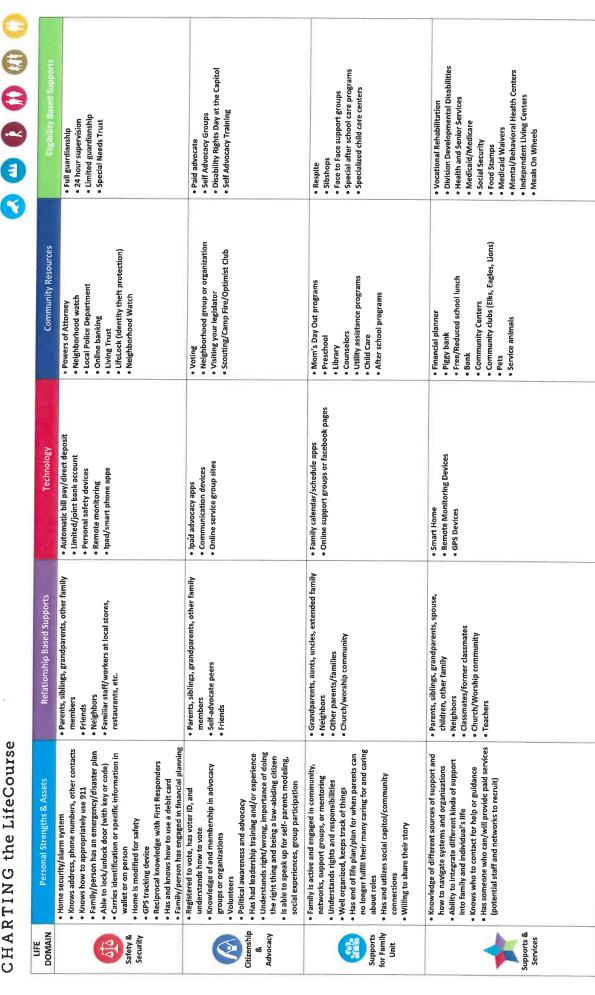








Eligibility Based Supports	Work crews/enclaves  Job coaches  Supported employment  Special college programs  Special Education/IEP's  HeadStart  Vocational Rehabilitation  Case manager/support coordinator  Sheltered workshops  Day habilitation	• Independent Supported Living (ISL) • Independent Living Center • Shared Living/host family • Institutions • Intermediate Care Facility (ICF) • Group Homes • Servinn & Housine Vourbers	• Separate or special church service • Special group outings & activities • Special Olympics • Special passes • Social skills classes	Center-based therapies (PT, OT, Speech, etc)     Special/Institutional medical care     Home/community based therapies     Special Olympics Healthy Communities     Initiative     Medical home     IHP
Community Resources		Home Ownership     Rental home/apartment     Co-op for housing or transportation     Public transportation (bus, train, taxi)     Universal design     Neighborhood Watch     Home Owner's Association     Food Partries	community and clubs and clubs and clubs es of Worship	Gym membership     Community Centers     Neighborhood/City Pool     Community Health Centers     Health fairs     Family/General practice providers     YMCA     Neighborhood pharmacy
Technology	Electronic reminders     Alarm clock     Cell phone     I pad educational/life skills apps     Online classes or training     Internet job search     Calculator     Computer     Computer     Iphone smart phone     Iphone smart phone     Ipad apps	Adapted living space Environmental technology Remote monitoring Ipad apps Facetime/Skype Electronic reminders	Online social clubs     Social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Pinterest, etc)     Online games     Email     Texting	• Pill-minders • Chat with a nurse/nurseline • Tele-medicine • Web-MD • Fit-Bit/Nike Fuel Band • Exercise equipment (le treadmill) • Health/fitness apps for ipad • Smart Toothbrush
Relationship Based Supports	Coworkers     Parents, siblings, spouse, children, grandparents, other family     Friends     Teacher     Mentors     Parents/family of friends     Business partner	Parents, siblings, spouse, children, grandparents, extended family     Friends     Roommates     Neighbors     Same age peers (college age, aging)	Friendships     Dating/relationships     Members of your faith community     Friends of parents/siblings and other family     members     People with a shared interest or hobby	Family member or school staff implement therapy     Parents, siblings, grandparents, other family members (help with meds, healthy eating, etc.)
Personal Strengths & Assets	Work/volunteer experience     Summer jobs     Vision or dream for job or career     Responsibilities at home or school     Makes choices and decisions     Communicates ideas, needs, thoughts to others     Knowledge of a variety of different jobs/careers     Good social skills     Practices everyday living skills		* Has hobbies and interests and needed supplies     * Knowledge/experience playing games or other     * Social activities     * Outgoing, friendly personality     * Understands social cues and norms     * Has money/budget for social activities     * Interest in/belief in faith/higher power     * Belongs to/has roles in a faith community     * Espenger/experience going to     * weedings/funerals     * Good conversation skills	• Communicates with doctors and other medical professionals • Knowledgeable about own disability or special healthcare needs • Knows how/when to seek help for health issues • Knows how/when to seek help for health issues and has well woman/man checkups • Manages (or helps manage) own medication and other healthcare needs • Understands health risks associated with smoking, drinking, drug use, unprotected sex) • Understands health risks associated with chrowledge and/or ability to plan/execute healthy meals, eats a healthy diet whealthy meals, eats a healthy diet • Has health insurance • Gym membership/exercises regularly/rides bike • Medical home
LIFE	Daily Life Employment	Community	Social & Spirituality	Healthy Living



















# **Integrated Supports: Transportation**

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#### **Technology**

- Google maps
- City bus route maps
- Uber, Lyft and other ridesharing app
- Teslas
- Modified vehicles
- Smart phones and tablets
- Watches
- GPS
- ICON
- Tibby talk
- Computer driver

#### **Personal Strengths & Assets**

- Knowledge of how to navigate community
- · Drives, rides bus, cab, or other public transportation
- Can use communication to get places, ask for help
  - Owns or can buy a vehicle
  - Money for bus, taxi, Uber
  - · Sense of navigation, and time
    - · Familiar with community
      - Driver's license
      - Knows bus system
  - Walk, bike, drive, hitchhike
  - Ability, willing/ determined
    - Social skills

#### Relationships

- Family, friends, neighbors have a vehicle
- Knows bus drivers and riders
  - Carpooling or ridesharing with classmates, coworkers



- School bus
- Public transportation (bus, street car)
- Taxi Cabs and transportation companies
- Bike rental/return
- Ridesharing
- Faith Based transporation
- Groups/ clubs
- Rental car companies
- Car dealerships
- **Community Based**

- Reduced fares for seniors and people with disabilities
- Accessible parking placard
  - Paratransit
- Non-emergency medical transport through Medicaid or Medicare
  - Safe Driving assessment
    - Direct support staff
    - Agency transportation
      - Waiver providers

**Eligibility Specific** 

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# **Integrated Supports: Employment**

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#### **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

#### Relationships

- 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

part time jobs

- Ask same age peers about their summer or
  - · 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** 

### **Community Based**

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# **Integrated Supports: Daily Life**

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#### **Technology**

- Electronic reminders
- Alarm clock
- Cell phone
- iPad educational/life skills apps
- Online resume builders
- Online classes or training
- Internet job search
- Calculator
- Computer
- iPhone or smart phone apps

#### **Personal Strengths & Assets**

- Work/volunteer experience
  - Summer jobs
- Vision or dream for job or career
- Responsibilities at home or school
  - Makes choices and decisions
- Communicates ideas, needs, thoughts to others
- Knowledge of a variety of different jobs/careers
  - Good social skills
  - Practices everyday living skills

#### Relationships

- Coworkers
- Parents, siblings, spouse, children, grandparents, other family
  - Friends
  - Teacher
  - Mentors
- Parents/family of friends
- **Business** partner



- Volunteering
- Competitive employment/careers
- Colleges, universities, tech school
- Micro-enterprises
- Self employment
- Tutors
- Parent/Teacher Association (PTA)
- Summer Reading Program (library)
- Community Based

- Work crews/enclaves
  - · Job coaches
- Supported employment
- Special college programs
  - Special Education/IEP's
    - HeadStart
- Vocational Rehabilitation
- Case manager/support coordinator
  - Sheltered workshops
    - Day habilitation

**Eligibility Specific** 













# **Integrated Supports: Community Living**

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#### **Technology**

- Adapted living space
- Environmental technology
- Remote monitoring
- Ipad apps
- Facetime/Skype
- Electronic reminders

#### **Personal Strengths & Assets**

- · Knowledge of how to navigate community
- Drives, rides bus, cab, or other public transportation
  - Housekeeping skills
  - Can prepare simple meals/snacks
  - Can spend time alone or away from family
  - Knowledge of different types of living options

#### Relationships

- Parents, siblings, spouse, children, grandparents, extended family
  - Friends
  - Roommates
  - Neighbors
- Same age peers (college age, aging)



- Home Ownership
- Rental home/apartment
- Co-op for housing or transportation
- Public transportation (bus, train, taxi)
- Universal design
- Neighborhood Watch
- Home Owner's Association
- Food Pantries

- Independent Supported Living (ISL)

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  - Independent Living Center
  - Shared Living/host family
    - Institutions
  - Intermediate Care Facility (ICF)
    - Group Homes
    - Meals on Wheels
    - Section 8 Housing Vouchers

#### **Eligibility Specific**

#### **Community Based**

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#### **Personal Strengths & Assets**

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  - Owns or can buy a vehicle
  - Money for bus, taxi, Uber
  - Sense of navigation, and time
    - Familiar with community
      - Driver's license
      - Knows bus system
  - Walk, bike, drive, hitchhike
  - Ability, willing/determined
    - Social skills

#### Relationships

- Family, friends, neighbors have a vehicle
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  - Carpooling or ridesharing with classmates, coworkers



- School bus
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- Ridesharing
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- Groups/ clubs
- Rental car companies
- Car dealerships
- **Community Based**

- Reduced fares for seniors and people with disabilities
  - Accessible parking placard
    - Paratransit
- Non-emergency medical transport through Medicaid or Medicare
  - Safe Driving assessment
    - Direct support staff
    - Agency transportation
      - Waiver providers

**Eligibility Specific** 













# **Integrated Supports: Safety & Security**

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#### **Technology**

- Automatic bill pay/direct deposit
- Limited/joint bank account
- Personal safety devices
- · Remote monitoring
- Ipad/smart phone apps

#### **Personal Strengths & Assets**

- Knows address, phone numbers, other contacts
  - Knows how to appropriately use 911
- Family/person has an emergency/disaster plan
  - Able to lock/unlock door (with key or code)
- Reciprocal knowledge with First Responders
- Family/person engaged in financial planning
- Carries identification or specific information in wallet or on person
  - Has and knows how to use a debit card
    - · Home is modified for safety
    - Home security/alarm system

#### Relationships

- Parents, siblings, grandparents, other family members
  - Friends
- Neighbors
- Familiar staff/workers at local stores, restaurants, etc.



- Powers of Attorney
- Neighborhood watch
- Local Police Department
- Online banking
- Living Trust
- LifeLock (identity theft protection)
- Neighborhood Watch
- **Community Based**

- Full guardianship
- 24 hour supervision
- Limited guardianship
- Special Needs Trust

**Eligibility Specific** 













# LifeCourse Integrated STAR: Supported Decision-Making

When a person turns 18, they are presumed competent to make decisions about their life. Sometimes, a person might need help making decisions and staying safe. This star shows some of the ways people can be supported to be safe and secure while living an inclusive community life.

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Decision Making  Smart Phone Telephone Computer  Money Management Online Banking Debit Card Personal Safety GPS Enabled Device Personal Safety Device	Personal Strengths & Assets  Decision Making:  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  Carries ID  Disaster or Emergency Plan  Ready bag for emergencies	Pecision Making Supports  Personal Contract or Agency Agreement Power of Attorney – General Power of Attorney for Health Care Supported (Shared) Decision Making Money Management
Remote Monitoring     Computer or Electronic		Joint Bank Account  Personal Safety
locks	Safety & Security: Supported	Close Family & Friends
	Decision-Making	

#### **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
- Fire
- **Emergency Medical Responders**

#### **Community Based**

#### **Decision Making**

- Service Coordinator
- Plenary or Limited Guardianship

#### Money Management

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

#### Personal Safety

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

**Eligibility Specific** 













# Integrated Supports: Healthy Living

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#### **Technology**

- Pill-minders
- Chat with a nurse/nurseline
- Tele-medicine
- Web-MD
- Fit-Bit/Nike Fuel Band
- Exercise equipment (ie treadmill)
- Health/fitness apps for ipad
- Smart Toothbrush

#### **Personal Strengths & Assets**

- Communicates with doctors and other medical professionals
- Knowledgeable about own disability or special healthcare needs
  - Knows how/when to seek help for health issues
  - Understands changes as body becomes adult, and has well woman/man checkups
    - Manages (or helps manage) own medication and other healthcare needs
    - Understands health risks associated with smoking, drinking, drug use, unprotected sex
    - Knowledge and/or ability to plan/execute healthy meals; eats a healthy diet
      - Gym membership/exercises regularly/rides bike
        - Has health insurance
          - Medical home

#### Relationships

- Doctor
- Nurses
- Family member or school staff implement therapy
- Parents, siblings, grandparents, other family members (help with meds, healthy eating, etc.)



- Gym membership
- **Community Centers**
- Neighborhood/City Pool
- Community Health Centers
- Health fairs
- Family/General practice providers
- **YMCA**
- Neighborhood pharmacy

- Center-based therapies (PT, OT, Speech, etc)
- Special/institutional medical care
- Home/community based therapies
  - Special Olympics Healthy Communities Initiative
    - Medical home
  - Individualized Health Plan

**Community Based** 

**Eligibility Specific** 













# Integrated Supports: Social & Spirituality

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#### individuals think about how to work in partnership to support their vision for a good life. **Technology Personal Strengths & Assets** Relationships Online social Has hobbies and interests and needed supplies Friendships clubs Knowledge/experience playing games or other social activities Dating/relationships Social media Outgoing, friendly personality Members of your (Facebook, Twitter, Understands social cues and norms faith community Instagram, Has money/budget for social activities Friends of Pinterest, etc) Interest in/belief in faith/higher power parents/siblings and Online games Belongs to/has roles in a faith community other family Email Exposure/experience going to weddings/funerals members Good conversation skills Texting People with a shared interest or hobby Neighbors

- Parks and Recreation
- Service/social club/groups
- Inclusive faith community
- Sports teams and clubs
- Preschool
- Playground
- Community Centers
- Churches/Places of Worship
- **Community Based**

- Separate or special church service
  - Special group outings & activities
    - Special Olympics
      - Special passes
    - Social skills classes

**Eligibility Specific** 













# Integrated Supports: Citizenship & Advocacy

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#### **Technology**

- Ipad advocacy apps
- Communication devices
- Online service group sites

#### **Personal Strengths & Assets**

- Registered to vote, has voter ID, and understands how to vote
- Knowledge of and membership in advocacy groups or organizations
  - · Political awareness and advocacy
  - Has had leadership training and/or experience
  - Understands right/wrong, importance of doing the right thing and being a law-abiding citizen
  - Is able to speak up for self- parents modeling, social experiences, group participation
    - Volunteers

#### Relationships

- Parents, siblings, grandparents, other family members
  - Self-advocate
    - peers
       Friends
  - Neighbors
  - Legislators or representatives



- Voting
- Neighborhood group or organization
- Visiting your legislator
- Scouting/Camp Fire/Optimist Club
- City council
- **Community Based**

- Paid advocate
- Self Advocacy Groups
- Disability Rights Day at the Capitol
  - Consumer Advisory Councils
    - Self Advocacy Training

**Eligibility Specific** 













# **Tool for Exploring Decision Making Supports**

This tool was designed to assist individuals and supporters with exploring decision making support needs for each life domain. Name of Individual: \_ Name of person completing this form: \_\_\_ Relationship to individual (circle one): Self Guardian Other: Family Friend How long have you known the individual? For each question below, mark the level of support you need when making and communicating decisions and choices in the Charting the LifeCourse life domains. I can decide with I need someone no extra support with my decision to decide for me DAILY LIFE & EMPLOYMENT Can I decide if or where I want to work? Can I look for and find a job (read ads, apply, use personal contacts)? Do I plan what my day will look like? Do I decide if I want to learn something new and how to best go about that? Can I make big decisions about money? (open bank account, make big purchases) Do I make everyday purchases? (food, personal items, recreation) Do I pay my bills on time (rent, cell, electric, internet) Do I keep a budget so I know how much money I have to spend? Am I able to manage the eligibility benefits I receive? Do I make sure no one is taking my money or using it for themselves? **HEALTHY LIVING** Do I choose when to go to the doctor or dentist? Do I decide/direct what doctors, medical/health clinics, hospitals, specialists or other health care providers I use? Can I make health/medical choices for my day-to-day well-being? (check-ups, routine screening, working out, vitamins) Can I make medical choices in serious situations? (surgery, big injury) Can I make medical choices in an emergency? Can I take medications as directed or follow a prescribed diet? Do I know the reasons why I take my medication? Do I understand the consequences if I refuse medical treatment? Can I alert others and seek medical help for serious health problems? Do! make choices about birth control or pregnancy? Do I make choices about drugs or alcohol? Do I understand health consequences associated with choosing high risk behaviors (substance abuse, overeating, high-risk sexual activities, etc.)? Do I decide where, when, and what to eat? Do I understand the need for personal hygiene and dental care?













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# **Tool for Developing a Vision - Family**

Forming a vision and beginning to plan for the future in each of the life domains helps plot a trajectory for a full, inclusive, quality life in the community. This tool is to help families of all ages – those with a very young child, an adult or somewhere in between, start to think about a vision for how their family member will live their life as an adult.

LIFE DOMAIN		My Vision for My Family Member's Future	priority	Current Situation/Things to Work On
Daily Life Employment	What do I think my family member will do during the day in his/her adult life?			
Community Living	Where and with whom do I think my family member will live in his/her adult life?			
Social & Spirituality	How will he/she connect with spiritual and leisure activities; have friendships & relationships in his/her adult life?			
Healthy Living	How will he/she live a healthy lifestyle and manage health care supports in his/her adult life?			
Safety & Security	How will I ensure safety from financial, emotional, physical or sexual harm in adult life?			
Citizenship & Advocacy	How can I make sure he/she has valued roles and responsibilities, and has control of how his/her own life is lived as an adult?			
Supports for Family	What will our family need to help support him/her to live a quality life as an adult?			
Supports & Services	How will he/she be supported in adult life to lead the kind of life he/she wants as independently as possible?			













# Tool for Developing a Vision - Individual

Forming a vision and beginning to plan for the future in each of the life domains helps plot a trajectory for a full, inclusive, quality life in the community. This tool is to help individuals with disabilities of all ages think about a specific vision in each life domain for how they want to live their adult life, and prioritize what they want to work on right now that will help move toward the life vision.

LIFE DOMAIN		My Vision for My Future	priority	Current Situation/Things to Work On
Daily Life Employment	What do I think I will do/want to do during the day in my adult life? What kind of job/career might I like?			
Community Living	Where would I like to live in my adult life? Will I live alone or with someone else?			
Social & Spirituality	How will I connect with spiritual and leisure activities, and have friendships and relationships in my adult life?			
Healthy Living	How will I live a healthy lifestyle and manage health care supports in my adult life?			
Safety & Security	How will I stay safe from financial, emotional, physical or sexual harm in my adult life?			
Citizenship & Advocacy	What kind of valued roles and responsibilities do/will! have, and how do/will! have control of how my own life is lived?			
Supports for Family	How do I want my family to still be involved and engaged in my adult life?			
Supports & Services	What support will I need to live as independently as possible in my adult life, and where will my supports come from?			

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# **Integrated Supports**

People need supports to lead good lives. Using a combination of lots of different kinds of support helps to plot a trajectory toward an inclusive, quality, community life. This tool will help families and individuals think about how to work in partnership to support their vision for a good life.

