

Waiver Integration Priority Goal and Guiding Principals

Priority Goal

Develop services and service requirements that support people in the most inclusive, least restrictive settings that maximize independence and developmental potential, employment and workforce integration *for each person* through technology, efficiency and appropriate service levels for each person's assessed needs.

Guiding Principals

Home and Community Based Services ensure the right to

- receive services based on an assessment of need and not constrained by a disability category
- receive services based on a Person Centered Support Plan which provide the same degree of access as individuals not receiving Medicaid Home and Community Based (HCBS) services
- choose among setting options, including non-disability specific settings
- choice regarding services and supports, and who provides them
- privacy, dignity, respect, freedom from coercion and restraint.

Home and community based settings and services

- optimize, without regimenting, autonomy and independence in making life choices, including but not limited to physical environment, daily activities, employment, and with whom to interact
- are integrated, and support full access to the greater community, including active engagement in community life and control of personal resources
- are designed to support competitive, integrated employment as the first option for youth and adults with disabilities of working age.