

Possibilities Now!



Developmental Disabilities Division

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Introductions

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Today's Agenda

- ❑ What We Believe
- ❑ Overview of DDD's Purposes
 - System Change Process
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- ❑ The Approach We Will Take
 - Focus on the Supports Intensity Scale and Supplemental Questions
 - Building a Framework for Service Needs
 - Person-Centered Planning
- ❑ Concluding Thoughts

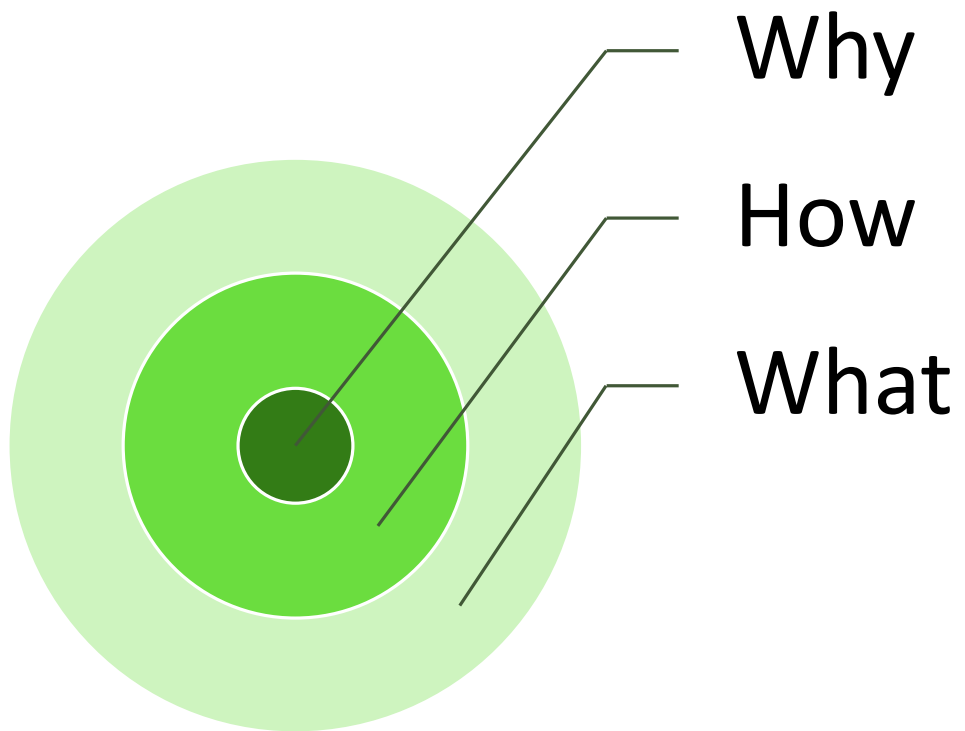


What We Believe

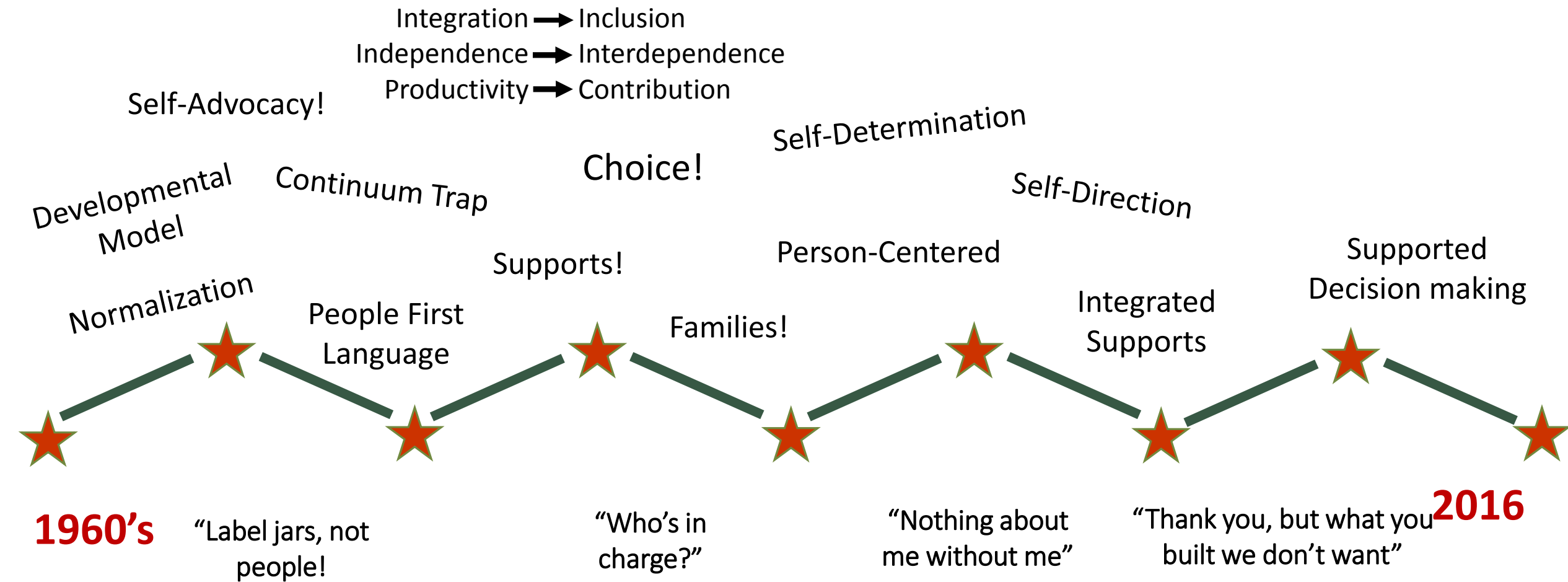
One question to ask...

Why are we doing this?





What do you believe? *And when did you believe it?*



Developmental Disabilities Division

Vision, Mission & Guiding Principles

Vision: Individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities will have healthy, safe, meaningful, and self-determined lives.

Mission: Foster partnerships and provide quality person-centered and family-focused services and supports that promote self-determination.



Guiding Principles: Individuals with IDD:

- ☐ Are treated with respect and dignity
- ☐ Make their own choices
- ☐ Participate in the community
- ☐ Have opportunities to realize their goals including economic self-sufficiency
- ☐ Achieve positive outcomes through individualized services and natural supports
- ☐ Are empowered to live self-determined lives

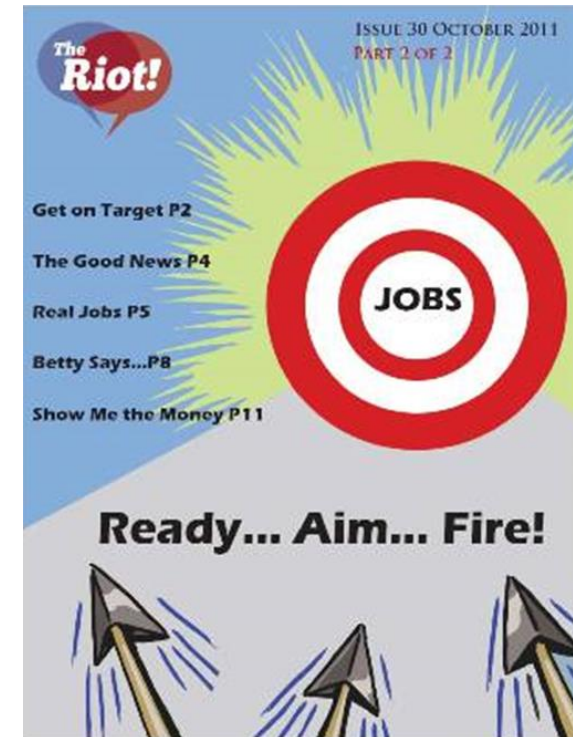
Other Related Principles

A person-centered, community-oriented approach to deliver services for people with IDD also emphasizes:

A shared responsibility for the wise use of public dollars to support all in need

The contribution that people with IDD and their families can make to support one another and contribute to their communities

Managing the system in ways that are efficient and fair to everyone



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Putting it Together

The “BIG Idea”

Individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities have a full life in their community.



Complementing Themes

Self-direction

Choice

Person-centered

Participation

Integration

Belonging to community

Blending Together Principles Related to Service Delivery & System Management

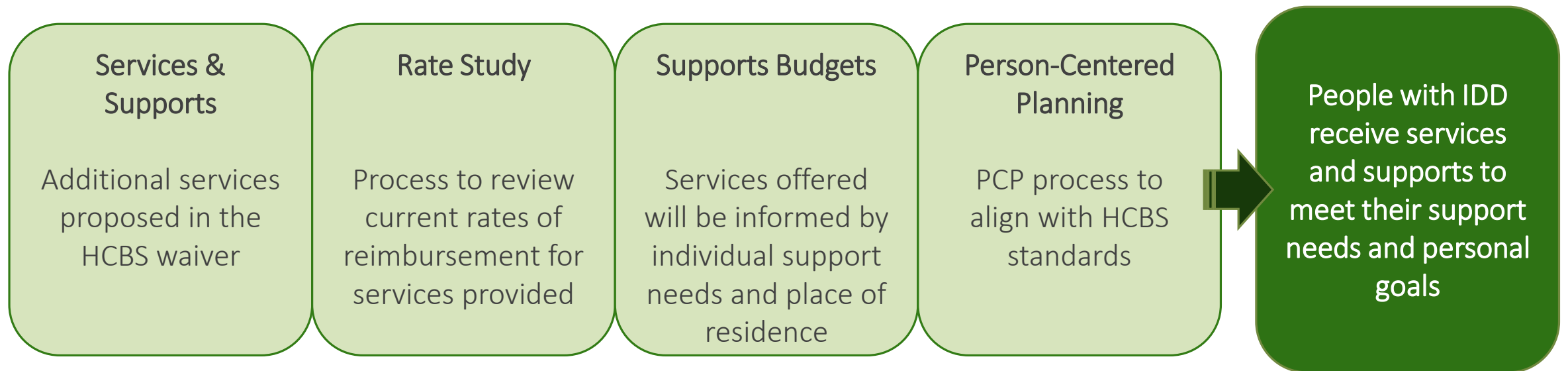


Overview of DDD's Purposes



- Support people living in the community to be in charge of their lives and utilize resources more flexibly.
- Promote increased community inclusion, participation, and contribution.
- Line up resources to match individual needs. People get what they need. No more. No less.
- Pay a fair and ample amount for the services that are delivered.
- Have a system that is transparent for all stakeholders
- Have a system that is sustainable; that is, one that can go on and on with the money we have – and those who need support, get it.

Systems Change Process



Project Tasks

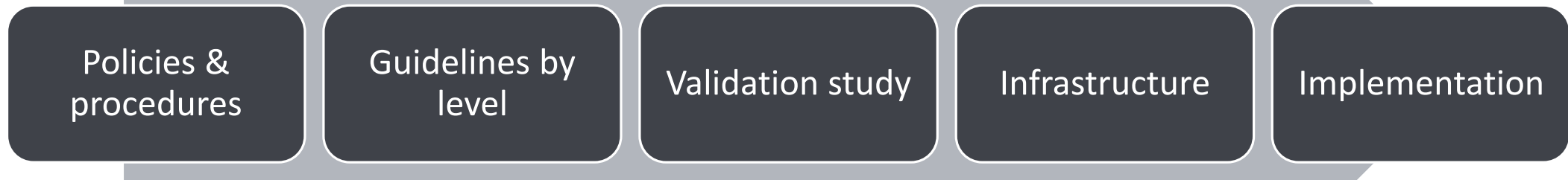
- ☐ Identify random sample
- ☐ Analyze expenditure data
- ☐ Analyze SIS assessor reliability
- ☐ Develop policies & procedures
- ☐ Analyze SIS assessments
- ☐ Establish supports needs levels
- ☐ Establish guidelines by level
- ☐ Conduct validation study
- ☐ Integrate SIS assessment information in supports planning
- ☐ Develop supports budget planning tool
- ☐ Make adjustments to infrastructure and service array
- ☐ Communicate with stakeholders
- ☐ Develop implementation plan
- ☐ Technical assistance

Project Timeline

SIS Assessment Timeline



Project Activities Timeline



The Approach We Will Take



An assessment is used to view each person's support needs.

The services offered by DD are refreshed to increase their consistency with policy intentions.

Personal Supports Budgets are developed for each person.

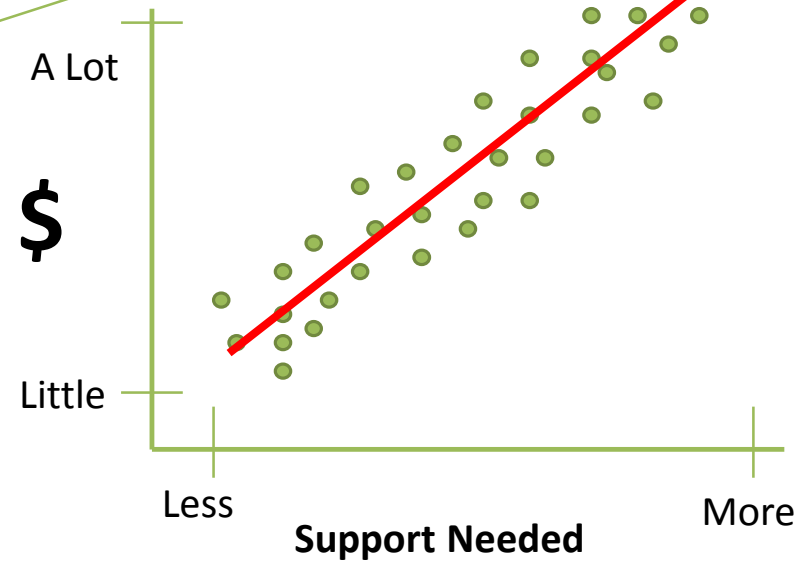
Person-centered planning is used to help people use their budget to select the type and amount of services they receive.

Care is taken to address extraordinary needs.



We want to move from a low correlation like THIS...

...to a high correlation like THIS



Focus on Assessment Using the Supports Intensity Scale®

Measures general support needs of an individual producing a number of scores.

Includes basic support need areas:

- A. Home Living Activities
- B. Community Living Activities
- C. Lifelong Learning Activities
- D. Employment Activities
- E. Health and Safety Activities
- F. Social Activities

SIS ABE – refers to the sum of the scores for these 3 areas that have been found useful in helping resource allocation

Identifies **Medical** and **Behavior** support needs which are significant cost predictors

Supports Intensity Scale®
Interview and Profile Form
Adult Version (ages 16 and up)

ACROSS SUBJECTS

Name _____ Date SIS Completed _____

Address _____ Date of Birth _____

City, State, Zip _____ Language Spoken at Home _____ Age _____

Gender ☐ Male ☐ Female

Phone _____

Individuals or Organizations Providing Essential Supports

Name	Relationship	Phone
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

The assessment interview measures a person's support needs...



by asking the individual and other people who know the individual well a standard set of questions.

What kinds of questions are asked?

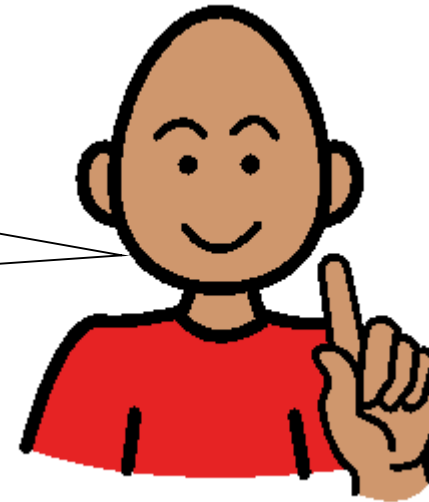
You will be asking about a person's support needs in areas such as:

- ☐ Home Life
- ☐ Community Life
- ☐ Lifelong Learning
- ☐ Work Life
- ☐ Social Life
- ☐ Health & Safety
- ☐ Money Matters
- ☐ Self Advocacy
- ☐ Medical support needs
- ☐ Behavioral support need



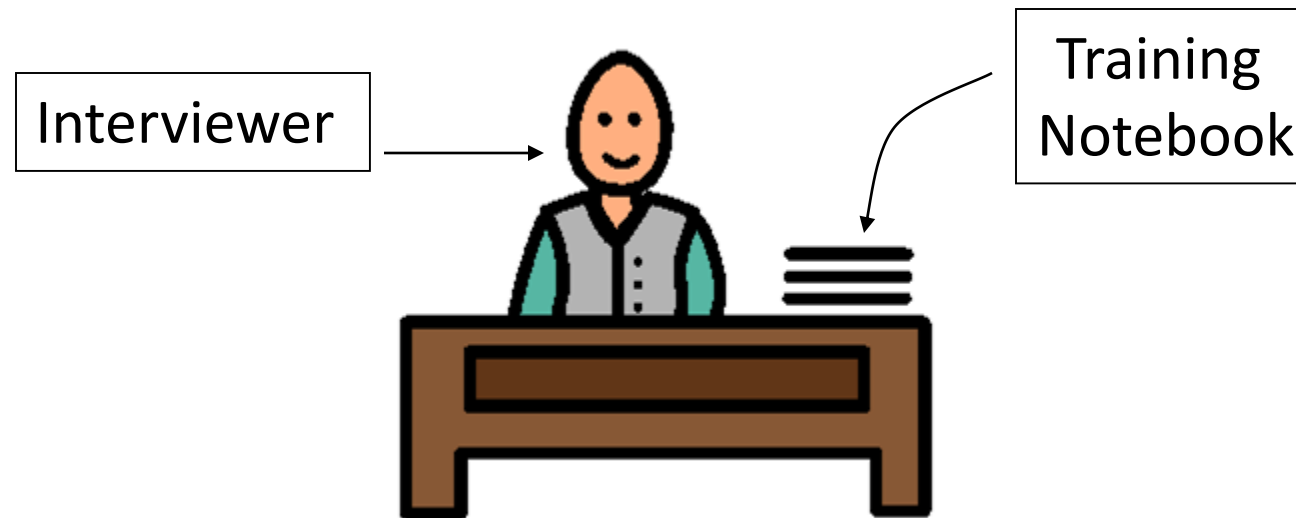
Everyone is asked
the **same questions**,
so everyone is treated fairly.

Wherever you live in
Hawaii, you will get the
same questions.



Who is the interviewer?

Interviewers have
the training and experience
needed to conduct the interviews.

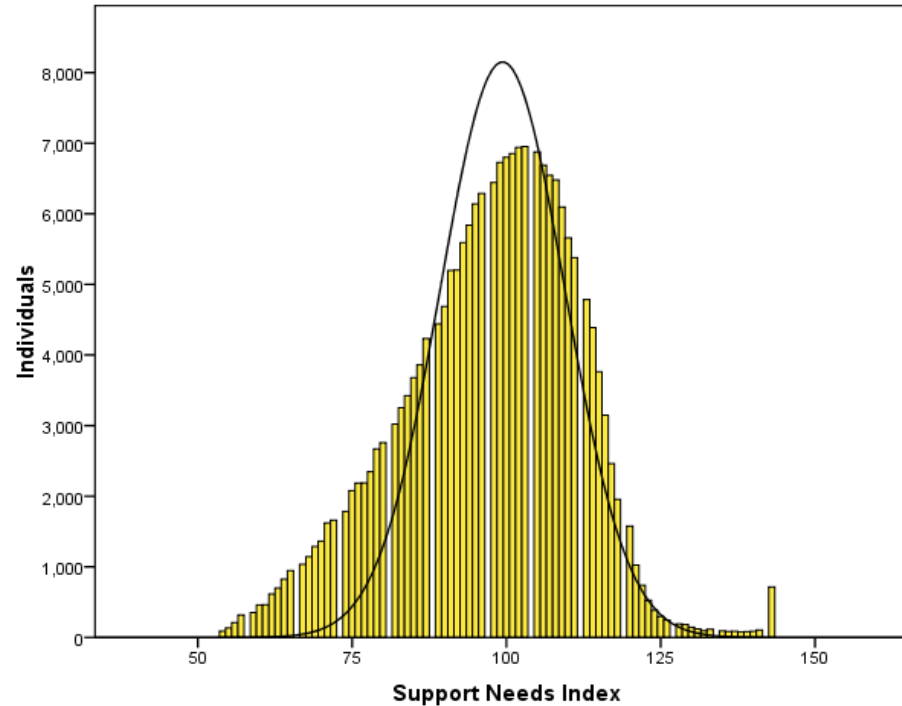


At the interview...

The interviewer meets with the participant and others chosen by the participant.



Normal Distribution



AAIDD SIS-Online
Results in 2013 for
the last 3 years with
206,015 individuals
from 28 jurisdictions



	Individuals	Min	Max	Average	Standard Deviation
Support Needs Index	206,015	54	143	97.13	14.31
Sum ABE	206,015	8	52	27.89	7.06
Medical Total 3A	206,015	0	32	2.08	3.24
Behavioral Total 3B	206,015	0	26	3.51	4.05

Comparison of Results in Other Jurisdictions

	Number of Individuals	Supports Need Index	Sum of Part A, B, and E	Medical Need Score	Behavioral Need Score
SIS Norm	1,306	100.00	30.00	3.23	4.99
Manitoba	1,780	93.17	24.73	1.33	3.20
Alberta	5,061	91.77	24.81	1.86	3.73
Tennessee *	5,765	102.67	30.36	1.45	2.87
Virginia **	1,275	102.82	30.16	1.96	2.64
Oregon *	5,119	106.33	31.62	1.99	5.06
New Mexico *	3,218	106.31	31.75	3.13	4.82
Utah	4,114	102.15	30.09	2.22	4.09
Rhode Island	3,007	101.75	29.72	2.02	4.19
Kentucky *	3,476	99.76	28.93	1.92	4.28
Georgia	10,574	99.40	28.62	1.39	2.69
Maine *	2,324	98.71	28.35	2.04	4.64
Louisiana *	4,091	98.23	29.95	3.33	3.10
Colorado	6,849	97.49	27.91	2.99	5.55

* States with partial population for HCBS population **Weighted for entire HCBS population.

Supplemental Questions and Verification

During the SIS assessment additional questions, called Supplemental Questions, are asked. These pertain to medical and behavioral support needs.

Particular responses may indicate that further review of support needs is warranted. If so, additional questions are asked regarding:

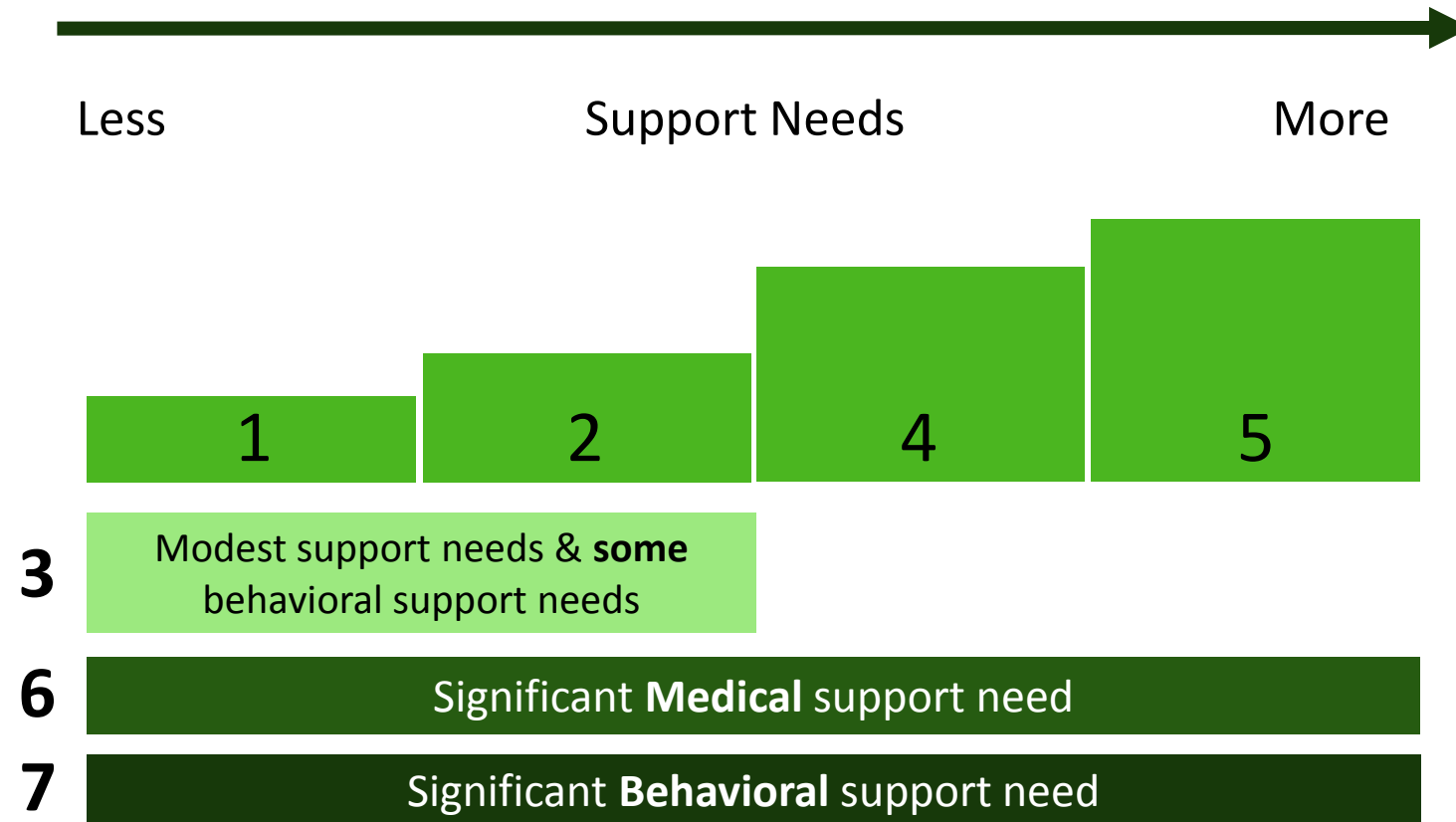
- ☐ Severe medical risk;
- ☐ Severe community safety risk for people with a related legal conviction;
- ☐ Severe community safety risk for people with no related legal conviction
- ☐ Severe risk of harm to self.



Answers to these questions may require a review of individual records review called **verification**.

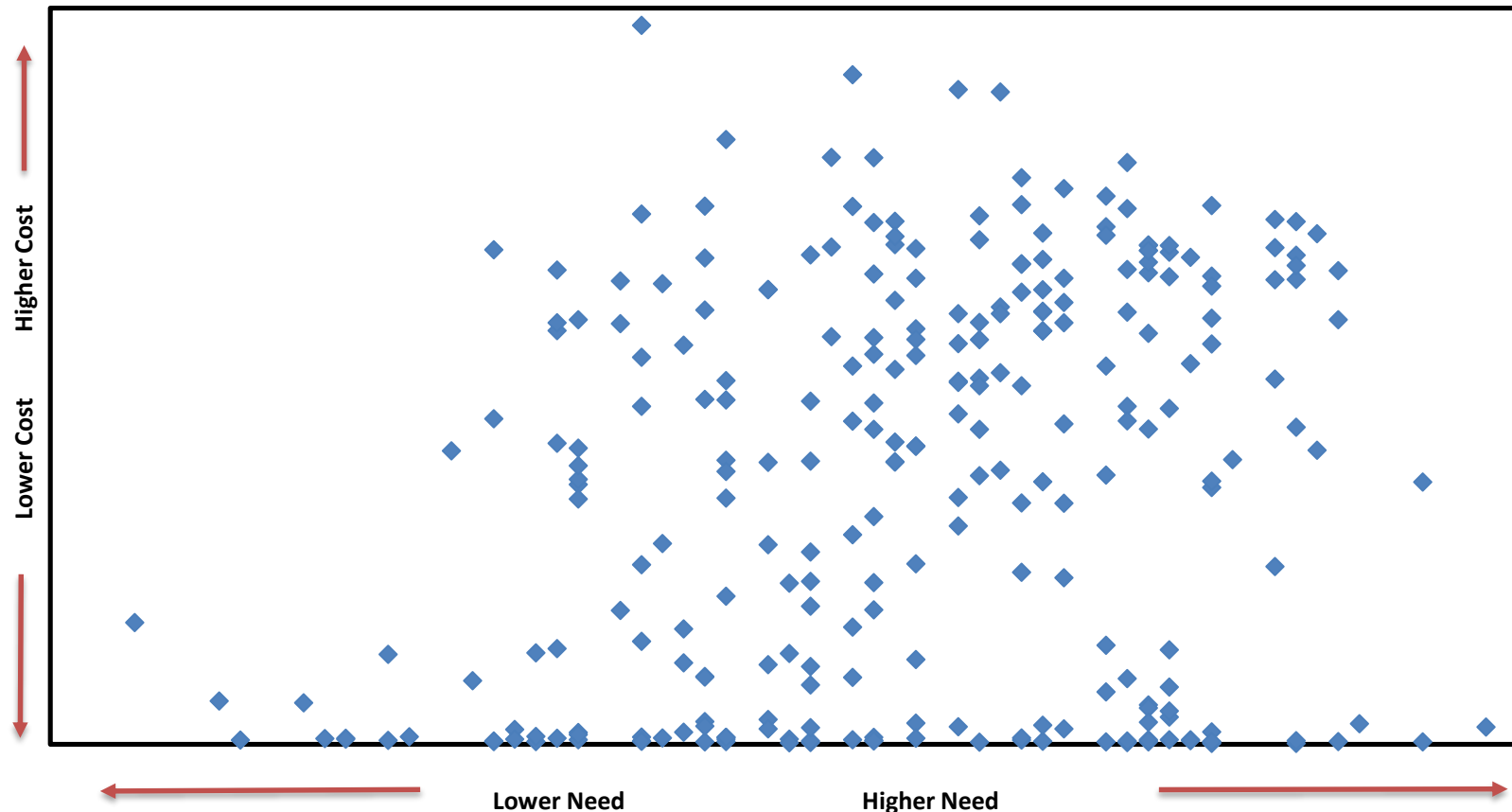
Verification is a process where DDD staff review individual records to get a better understanding of the individual's particular needs.

Seven Support Levels



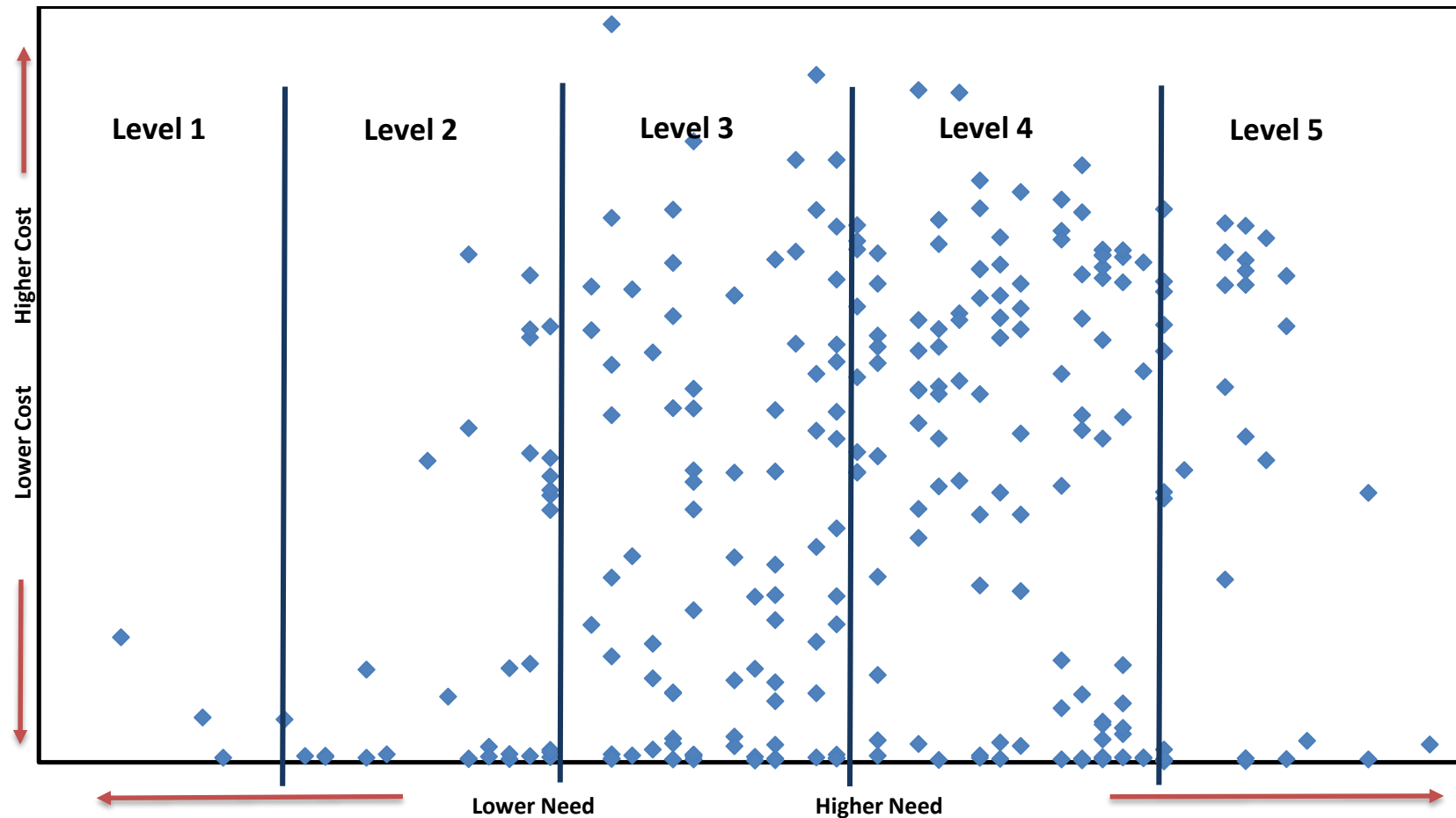
An Overall View - What We Typically See

Only a modest relationship between needs and supports with significant variability among individuals with similar needs (each diamond represents an individual)



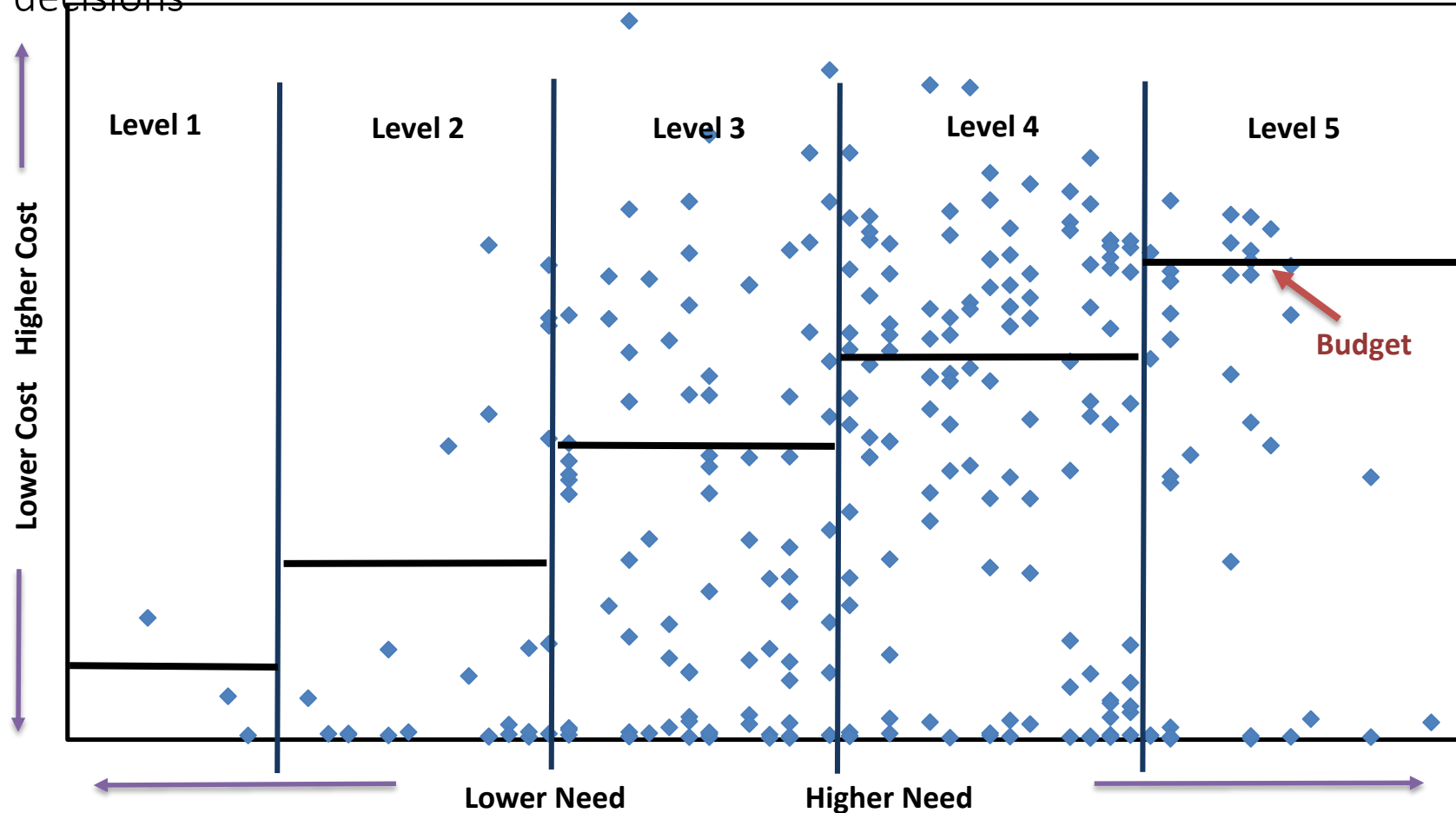
An Overall View – Tying Supports to Needs

First, levels are established to group individuals with similar needs



An Overall View – Tying Supports to Needs

Then, a service package and budget is established for each level based on utilization data and state policy decisions



Developing Levels & Budgets



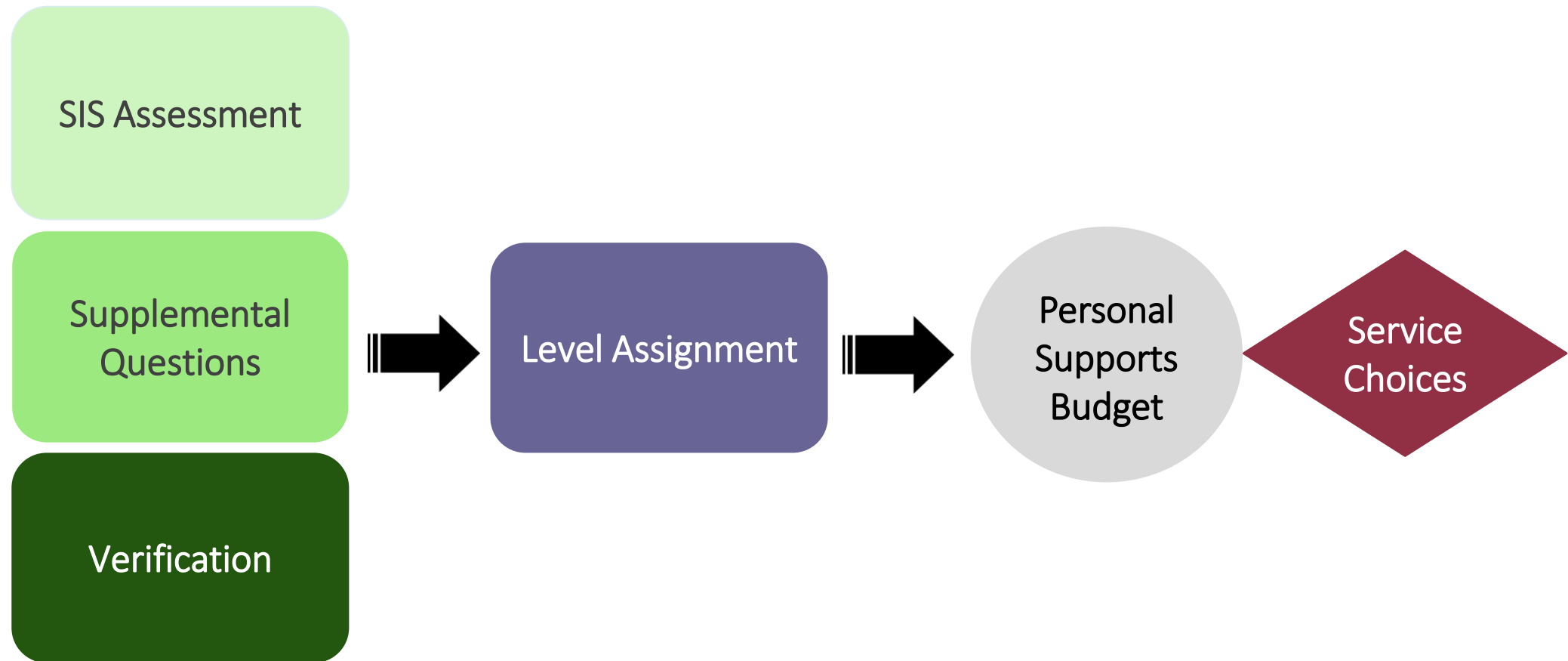
1. Identify a random stratified **sample** of service recipients.
2. **Assess** needs using the Supports Intensity Scale® (SIS) & assign individuals to **support levels**.
3. Consider **where** people live.
4. Develop **service array** & reimbursement **rates**.

Developing Levels & Budgets

5. Develop service packages based on **common** support needs and **living situation**.
 - ☐ Base budgets include in home, residential, employment, or day services.
 - ☐ Some services are managed outside the base, including professional or non-recurring supports.
 - ☐ Utilization of services by level is anticipated.
 - ☐ Service packages are priced by level to establish personal supports budgets.
 - ☐ Individuals are not tied to anticipated service packages. Does not limit person-centered choices, but sets a budgetary limit.
6. **Validate** and revise service packages, as needed.



Personal Supports Budgets



What about exceptions?

Everyone is unique!

The **supports budgeting** process may account for most people.

Yet some people will have exceptional needs and must be considered one by one.

An *Exceptions Process* is designed to assure that these individuals have their needs met.



Personal Supports Budgets

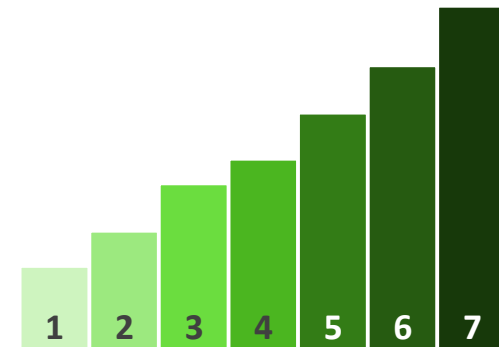
Budgets vary according to levels that group people from least to highest support needs.

Each level represents a certain amount of money for base services.

In some cases other services can be added on to get a higher personal budget allocation.

Individuals make choices about the services they need and want.

Processes are implemented to address exceptional needs.



Rates

In home supports

Residential supports, including 24/7 residences and supported living

Day time supports, including “employment first” supports, day centers, community-based non-work

Specialized supports, including those to address complex or unique needs

Other services

RATES

- Fair
- Ample
- Consistent with policy goals



Person-Centered Planning

Person-Centered Planning is Essential

- ❑ SIS results may be used to guide service planning, but not drive service planning
- ❑ The SIS interview may push people to talk about topics they might not ordinarily talk about
- ❑ Valuable personal or learning goals may be outside the bounds of the SIS interview
- ❑ Additional means will be involved to develop complete and meaningful person-centered plans



Person-Centered Planning

Individuals define their **goals and aspirations**.

SIS assessment results can be used to understand areas of **strength** and areas where the individual needs support.

Individuals (and their families, when applicable) are **made aware** of their supports budget before the planning meeting takes place.

Individuals have some degree of **authority and flexibility to choose** which services to purchase.

Individuals work with their circle of support to decide on the other types of support that they require to achieve their goals (relationships, community based, etc.)

All paid and non-paid supports work in harmony to help the person achieve their defined goals.



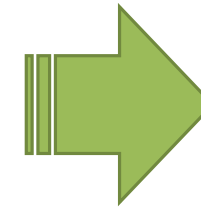
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SIS-A with LifeCourse Domains

Supports Intensity Scale (SIS-A) Items

Support needs are documented in three sections.

1. **Medical and Behavioral Needs:** Documents the support needed to address particular medical and behavioral conditions.
2. **Support Needs:** Documents support needs regarding home living, community living, lifelong learning, employment, health and safety, and social activities.
3. **Protection and Advocacy:** Examines the support needed the individual needs to protect and advocate for him or herself.



LifeCourse Domains



Daily Life & Employment



Community Living



Social & Spirituality



Healthy Living



Safety & Security









Citizenship & Advocacy

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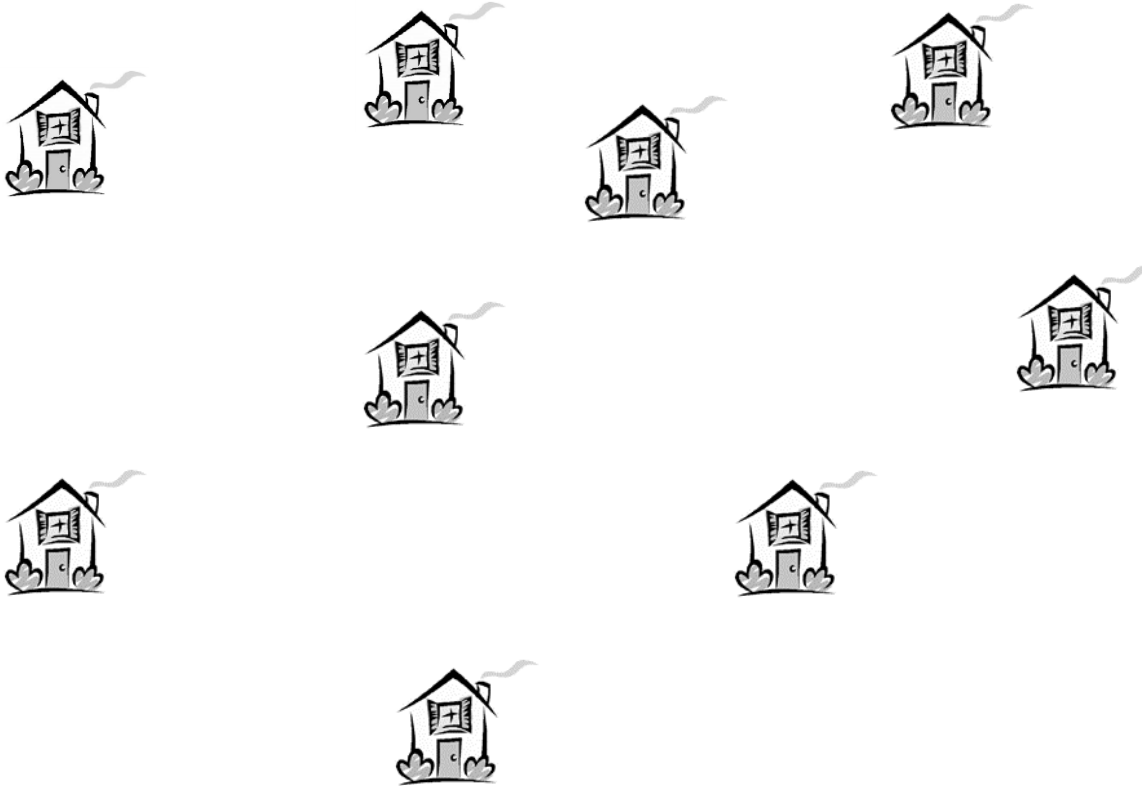
To address a person's identified needs, many types of supports could be used.

-  *Personal strengths & assets* – When a person is on their own without assistance from others.
-  *Relationship-based supports*– Provided by family or friends who are not being paid to provide support
-  *Community-based support* – Provided by community serving organizations or businesses, or other public services that are available to all members of a community.
-  *Technology-based support* - When the individual is supported by technology instead of staff supports.
-  *Paid (Base Budget)* – Home and Community Based Waiver services provided to the individual that make up their base budget
-  *Paid (Add on)* – Provided to the individual through Home and Community Based Waiver Services in addition to the base budget



The Way Things Are...

Services are provided to people living in isolated households.



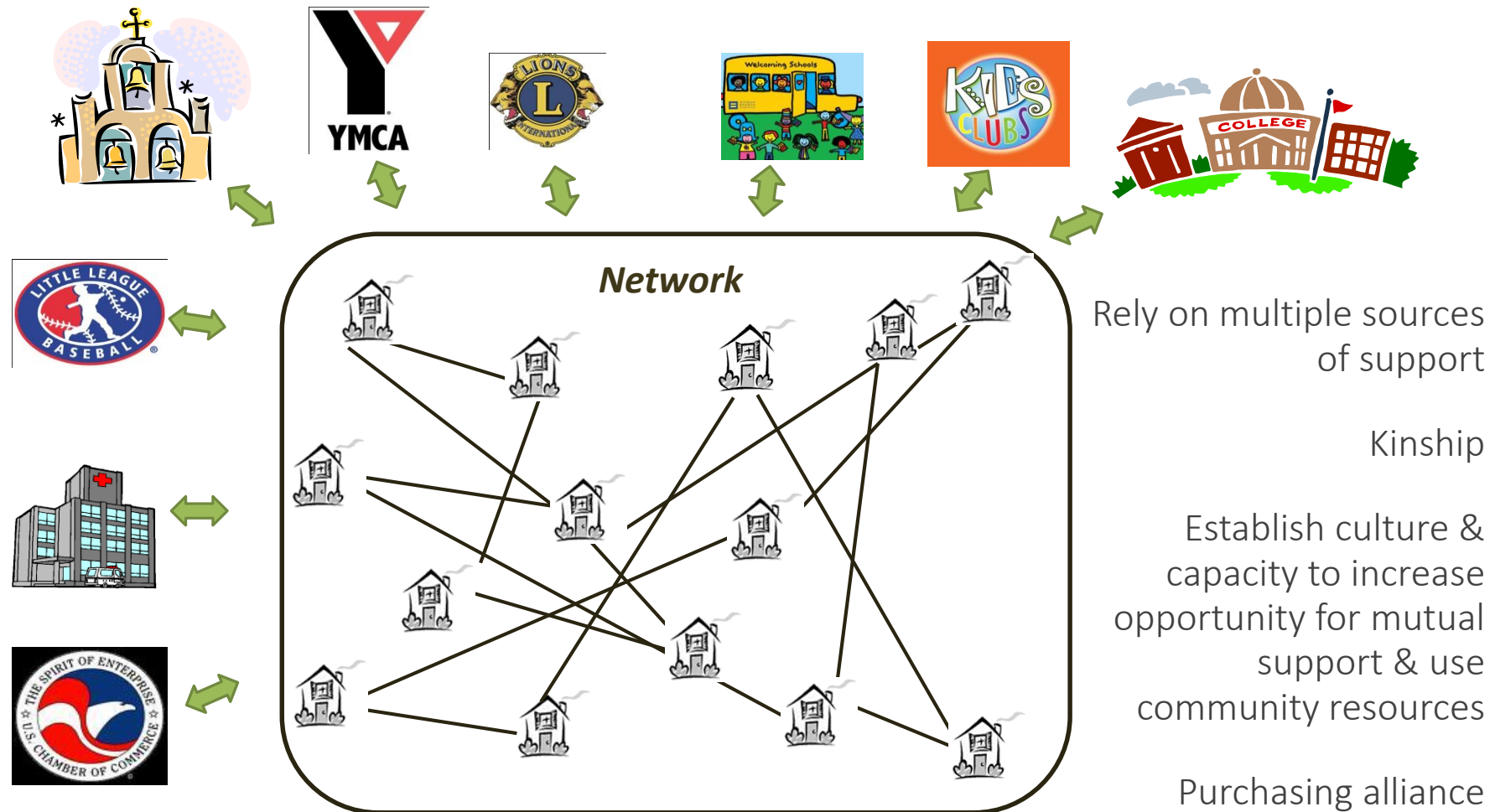
Dependency on services

Isolation

Fail to build culture & capacity to increase opportunity for mutual support & use community resources

The Way Forward...

Public services work together to use community assets with mutual support.



WHAT WE BELIEVE

People with disabilities & their families have the right to live, love, work, and pursue their life aspirations just as others do in their community.

- Across the life course
- Many facets of life
- Diversity
- Community participation
- Belonging & valued roles
- Person centered
- Self-directed
- Personal & mutual responsibility
- Family well-being
- Mutual supports
- Community assets
- Wise spending
- “All in”
- Now and in the future

WHAT WE DO

Eligibility and access
Individualized budget
Service array & definitions
Rate schedules
Supports planning & flexibility
Services network & delivery
Supports, not just services

WHAT HAPPENS

Personal and family outcomes related to access, control over life, and impacts on life.

System level outcomes related to the number served per population, system fairness and efficiency, cost per person, and collaborative alliances

Desired Outcomes

Maintain high expectations

- ❑ Where imagery leads, policy follows and behavior results.
- ❑ What is your image?
- ❑ What do you believe.

We believe that people with intellectual and developmental disabilities have the right to live, love, work, play, and pursue their life aspirations - just as others do - in their community with the support they need.



Lead On!

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Concluding Thoughts





Questions?