

What Happens Next?

- Phase I of the implementation of the SIS begins in March 2012.
- Participation is voluntary.
- During Phase I OACPDS will gather data it needs to develop a way to align resources with support needs.



For More Information on the SIS Tool Go to:

AAIDD SIS website:

www.siswebsite.org

OACPDS Website:

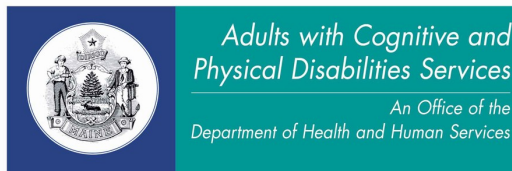
<http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/OACPDS/DS/sis/index.shtml>

Questions?

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Introducing the Supports Intensity Scale (SIS)TM



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What You Need to Know About the SIS in Maine

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THE SUPPORTS INTENSITY SCALE™

What is the Supports Intensity Scale (SIS)?

- The SIS is an assessment tool for a person with an intellectual disability.
- It is widely used across the country.
- It is a reliable and standard way to assess support needs.
- It determines the help needed for everyday living in the community.
- It also determines how often support is needed.
- It does not replace Person-Centered Planning meetings.



How Does the Supports Intensity Scale (SIS) Work?

- A trained interviewer will meet with the person and those familiar with him or her. These might include family members, advocates, guardians, case managers and service providers.
- The interview will take place in settings where the person is comfortable and privacy is protected.
- Interview questions will focus on the person's support needs in various places:
 - * At home
 - * With friends in the community
 - * At school
 - * At work
- They will also focus on health and safety needs and essential medical and behavioral support.
- Interviewers will ask how much support is needed and how often support is needed.



Tips for a Successful Interview:

- **Before the Interview**
 - Think about the supports that are needed.
 - * What type?
 - * How often?
 - * For how much time?
- **During the Interview**
 - * Keep an open mind.
 - * If you don't understand what is being said, ask the interviewer.
 - * If you need a break, tell the interviewer.
- **After the Interview**
 - * Contact your case manager if you want a summary of the results.
 - * Call (207) 740-6107 if you have questions about the interview.

