

Propositions for a Continuum of Care

Prompts for the 2019 MDSOAB/OADS Listening Sessions

The Maine Developmental Services Oversight and Advisory Board (MDSOAB) and the Office of Aging and Developmental Services (OADS) invite comment on these propositions, focusing on how well the current system of care serves Maine citizens with intellectual and developmental disabilities or autism spectrum disorder and how well it embodies these principles.

Supports, both natural and formal supports, means meeting all of the needs of the person including: Affordable, stable housing; competitive employment; comprehensive healthcare; accessible, reliable transportation; financial stability; continuing education; and planning for aging.

Partnership. Support for an individual is a partnership among the individual, family, community and government. The role of each party varies by individual, and over the lifespan.

Lifespan. People need different types and amounts of supports over their lifespan. Formal supports [provided by government] complement and supplement natural supports provided by family and community.

Community Inclusion. People are included and engaged in their communities. Inclusion is promoted and facilitated by both natural and formal supports.

Person Centered. The person drives the planning process. The person, family, and community are all involved in planning supports as they evolve over time. Supports are based on the wants, goals, and needs of the individual and change over the lifespan. Self-advocacy and self-determination are primary values.

Choice and Flexibility. People are entitled to have a broad array of choices about how they live their lives and the form that supports take. Formal supports should be flexible and adaptable to individual preferences and needs.

Coordinated Access and Quality Outcomes. Supports should exist that are based on these principles, and if they do not there's clear recourse and a path to solve problems or challenges.

We'd specifically like to hear about where and how shortcomings or obstacles in the current system of care get in the way of implementing and fulfilling this model.

We'd also welcome suggestions on how services might be delivered in order to better embody these values.

In past meetings, discussion has focused on the topics listed below. The Office of Aging and Developmental Services recognizes that these are all important issues that need attention and have already included them in their planning.

Nevertheless, if you have a recent experience that reflects your concern with services in any of these areas, please feel free to email Mark Kemmerle, the Executive Director of the OAB, at kemmerle.mdsob@gmail.com

Crisis Services, including Respite Services

Transition Planning

Communication with Department

Wait List Management

Adult Protective Services

Guardianship

Case Management

Person-Centered Planning

 Futures Planning

 Unmet Needs

Section 29 Services

 Work, and Finding Work

Other Topics of Interest

 Transportation

 Inclusion in the Community

