

Self-direction gives waiver participants and families greater control over the services they receive, how they receive them, and who provides them. At the same time, people who self-direct must be willing to take on the responsibility of managing their services. For services you choose to self-direct, you have additional responsibility including

1. You will be in control of your budget which is a fixed dollar amount for the purchase of services and supports available under the waiver;
2. You select and arrange for the services and supports in your individual plan;
3. You are accountable for using your budget to more effectively meet your needs and more efficiently use public dollars;
4. You are the employer of record; and
5. You can hire, train, and fire employees.

To assist individuals who choose to self-direct their services, a support broker and a fiscal management service will also be provided in addition to the coordinator of community services