

WHAT IS A PLANNING PARTNER?

A planning partner is an informal role to support individuals with disabilities and seniors with planning and directing their services and supports.

A planning partner can be a family member, a friend or a professional.

What's expected of a Planning Partner?

Serve as the individual's champion, with knowledge of his or her hopes, dreams and desired lifestyle. Support him or her with planning and progress towards achieving personal goals.

Support the person to write his/her own Profile.

Support the person to share his/her personal description and plan with other people.

Assist the person with selecting a date, time, and location of meetings. Support the person's desired meeting format. (i.e. - formal, cookout, social with light refreshments, eating at restaurant, party ...).

Discuss with the person who s/he wants at the meeting, help with invitations and follow up to ensure guests will attend.

Discuss and write a list of what topics may or may not be discussed openly at a meeting.

Discuss what role (lead, organizer, social, refreshments and participant only) the person wants to take at the meeting and support him/her in that role.

Support the person to keep the focus of the meeting on his/her desired outcomes and away from what the system can or cannot provide.

Ensure that everyone is fully listening to the person at all times.

Questions?

Please speak with your agency contact.