



MD Community of Practice for Supporting Families Webinar Series

Webinar #6 – July 22, 2020

Building Partnerships



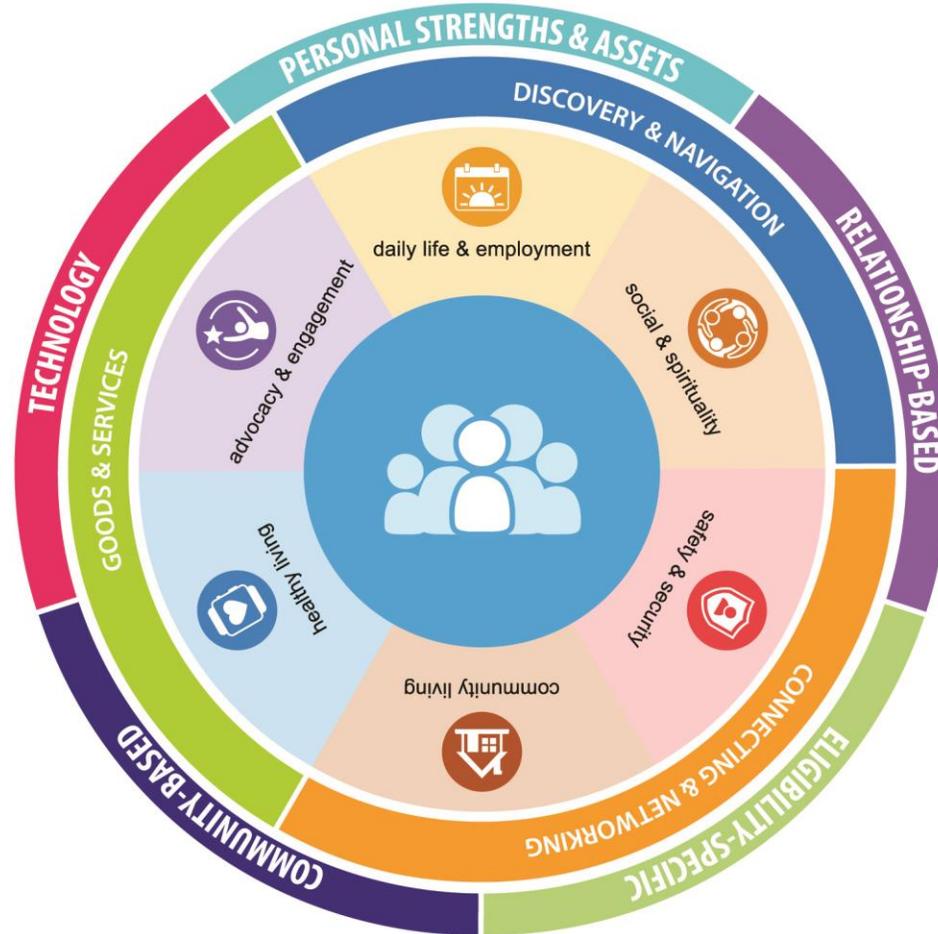
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Director of Family Supports



CHARTING the LifeCourse





Why Families?

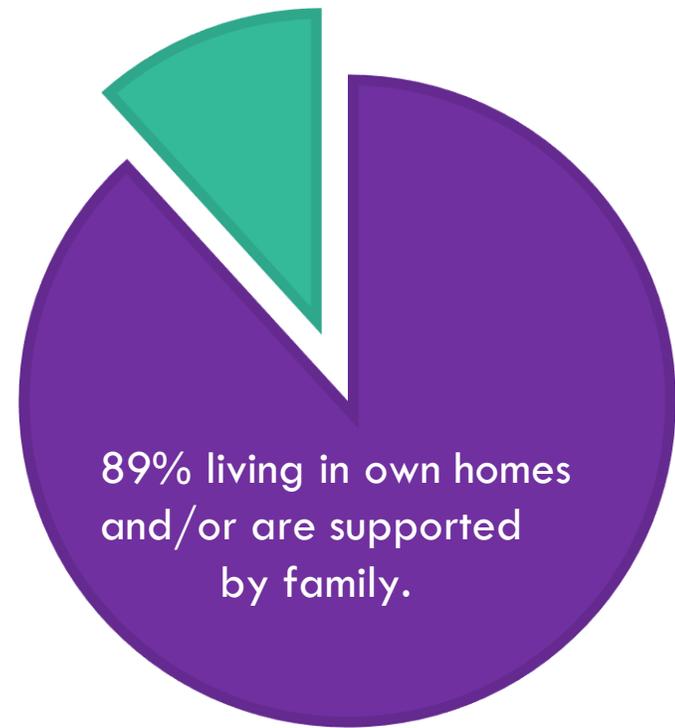




Where do people with I/DD live?

TOTAL 4.7 MILLION PEOPLE WITH IDD

■ Own or With Family ■ Residential Supports



Anderson, L.L., Larson, S.A., Kardell, Y., Hallas-Muchow, L., Aiken, F., Hewitt, A., Agosta, J., Fay, M.L., & Sowers, M. (2015). Supporting Individuals with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities and their Families: Status and Trends through 2013. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota, Research and Training Center on Community Living, Institute on Community Integration.



Supporting Families

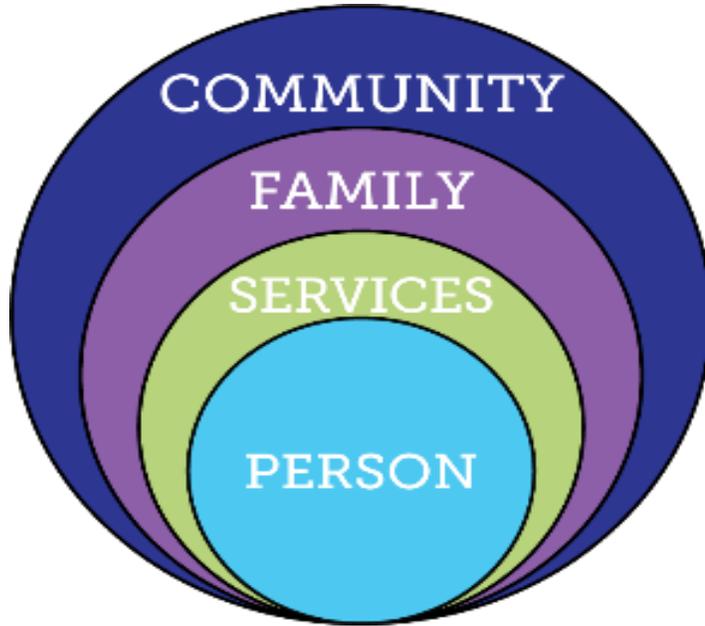
Support families, with all their complexity and diversity, in ways that maximize their capacity, strengths and unique abilities so they can best support, nurture, and facilitate the achievement of self determination, interdependence, productivity, integration and inclusion in all facets of community life for their family members.

[AIDD National Agenda on Family Support Conference, Wingspread 2011](#)





Services & Supports Are Evolving



Traditional Disability Services



Integrated Services and Supports within context of person, family and community.



Cindy Kauffman, SEEC

Director of Strategic Operations



Key Points Today



Importance of Working with Families



Provider Workforce Challenges and SEEC's Strategic Thinking



What Families have been Teaching us Creating a forum for family partnerships



Creating Forums to Promote Partnerships with Families



Family Dilemmas

Adult Children with disabilities continue to need their parents



Years of being in a broken system create mistrust with providers



Transitions, lack of certainty in the future and change creates stress



From a young age, parents wonder what will happen when they are gone



Some families begin to have hope when partnerships begin



The Provider Challenge Today and Tomorrow

The pandemic has highlighted weaknesses in our legacy infrastructures

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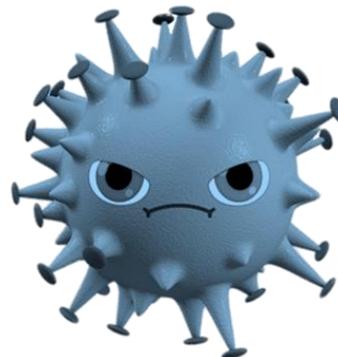
Beyond the workforce crisis



Changing the paradigm of support that has existed for decades

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Is it time?





Thinking about Families as Strategic Partners

Strategic Thinking at SEEC

- Workforce
- Financial Diversity
- Navigation and Planning
- ***Partnerships***



Families as stakeholders in support and problem-solving

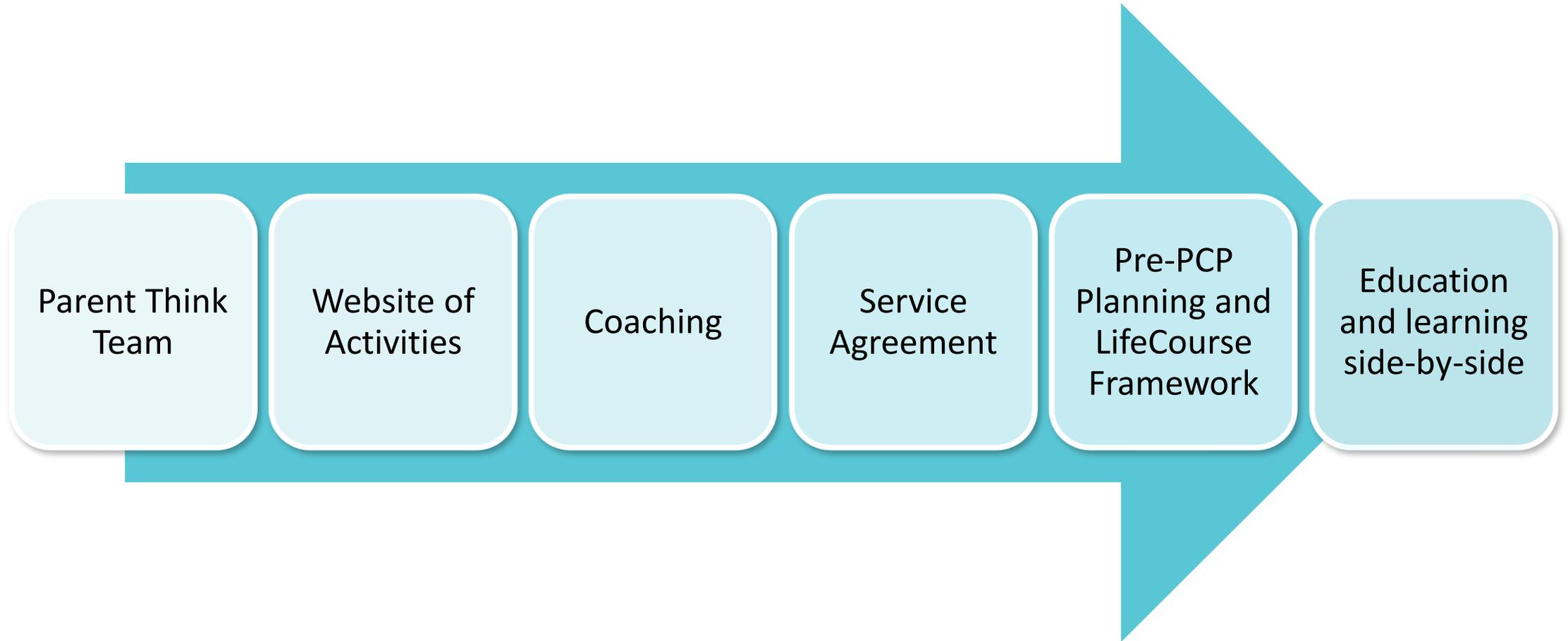


This Is What We Have Learned from Families

- There is often a Bell Curve
- Families have been around longer
- Families as resources and support
- Families will be around longer



Some Trial, Error and Successes





Lessons Learned

- Involved family = greater health and safety
- There are no magic answers
- Partnering with families is the right thing to do for now and the future system of support
- In hindsight, it seems like common sense
- Done well partnerships will increase our successes with Maryland's citizens with disabilities
- Don't be afraid to make mistakes and learn together



What can families do to build partnerships with their family member's provider?

- Communicate with DSP as professionals providing a service (communication logs notes, texts, or emails)
- Get to know the "manager" for feedback that is positive or constructive but also addresses concerns.
- Consider what does "partnership" mean to you? How does your idea of a partnership work? How is it experienced by others – positively or negatively?
- Use planning tools to review what's worked and hasn't for your family member. What has your family member, you and their team learned? Be forward thinking. How can the team work together to build on current successes to achieve your family member's vision for their future? (like the CtLC tools).



Questions?

Webinar – Chat /Question Box

Services & Supports – Contact DDA Local Regional Office

Appendix K – dda.toolkitinfo@Maryland.gov



Additional Resources for Building Partnerships

Personal Strengths & Assets

Trust
Self-knowledge
Open and welcoming
Awareness of others and differing perspectives
Active Listener
Strong Communication Skills
Knowledge of differing roles
Team player
Works toward finding solution

Technology

Connect using
Phone, iPhone
ZOOM Call/Web Conferencing
Google Hangouts
Messenger
Portal
Facebook

Community Based

Charting the LifeCourse (CtLC) Learning Tools
<https://www.lifecoursetools.com/learning-materials/>

MD Public Libraries

- Online Library
- Publications on Building Partnerships

YouTube

- Building Partnership Videos

Eligibility Specific

MD Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA)

<https://dda.health.maryland.gov/Pages/TY.aspx>

DDA Advocacy Specialists

<https://dda.health.maryland.gov/Pages/Self-Advocacy%20Specialist.aspx>

DDA Provider Agency

<https://dda.health.maryland.gov/Pages/providers.aspx>

MD Independent Living Centers

msilc.org

MD Department of Disabilities

<http://mdod.maryland.gov/>

MD State Department of Education

Family Resource Centers

<http://marylandpublicschools.org/programs/Pages/Special-Education/FSDR/FamilySupport.aspx>

Parent's Place Maryland

https://www.ppmmd.org/resource_category/transition

People On The Go

<https://www.peopleonthegomaryland.com/>



Thank You for Joining Us!

We Hope You Join Us on **August 19th**
for Our Next Webinar:
Reopening



Special Guest: Nicholas Burton, M.P.A.

DDA, Central Region Director