Informing Families: Meaningful Lives

Communication Network Meeting
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Ideas that Last
Just Like You
Vision for People a Life
Trajectory toward a life
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Birth → School → SSI → Adulthood Guardianship → Medical spend down

Human Service Path

Disability path

Labeled World

Life
Old model

Services meet the person’s needs...

Wall the person off...

Isolate from community.
Community of Practice Vision

Supports a person might obtain

Services for a person
To Live a Meaningful Live

You need...

• Information you can access and understand.
• Time to plan, then engage.
• Technology for greater independence and connection.
Informing Families

www.informingfamilies.org

Supporting real lives across the life course

Ages 0-3

Find opportunities for your child to grow and develop. Learn about early intervention services and connect with other families.
IF MENU
Tools to help people

- Adult Sibling Tool Kit (online)
- Early Welcome Four Pager
- Transition from School to Adulthood Four Pager
- Living the Middle Years Four pager
- Community Connections Guidebook
- Local Community of Practice Workshops; Supporting Local Strategies
Results: Getting the Word Out

• 6,754 average monthly Web site visits

• 12,435 views of YouTube videos

• 13,000 Quarterly Newsletters mailed to No Paid Services Case Load

• 570 Informing Families Face book likes
Planning: It’s about me

- Person centered planning application
  Mylifeplan.guide
- One pagers on person centered planning
- Training DDA case resource managers
- Making the annual assessment more person centered
Don’t forget about technology
For more information

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