



## Supported Living Principles

Supported living services are based on a set of principles or expected outcomes that set the service apart from any other vendored service. These principles give direction to the mission, policies and practices of the agency.

### 1. A Home of One's Own

- Individuals live in homes that they own, lease or rent like other members of their community.
- Individuals choose where they live and with whom and they control what happens in their home.
- Individuals' housing is separate from their services so they are secure in their homes and do not have to move if their needs, their services or their service agency changes.
- Individuals are safe in their home and neighborhood.

### 2. Choice and Self-Directed

- Individuals make their own everyday choices.
- Individuals plan for their futures.
- Individuals direct the services they receive and have a choice of agencies and staff.
- Individuals are supported (e.g., technology, communication devices, behavioral support) to communicate their preferences, choices and needs.
- Individuals are satisfied with the services they receive.

### 3. Relationships

- Individuals have family, friends and neighbors who support them in regular ways or as paid help.
- Individuals and their circle of support work together as a team with the supported living agency and others to share responsibility for his or her well being.

### 4. Community Membership

- Individuals fully participate in the mainstream of community life according to personal choice and preference.
- Individuals have opportunities to join clubs, groups, organizations, and religious groups.
- Individuals use local community resources and generic services.

### 5. Flexible, Tailored Services and Supports

- Individual Service Plans are developed through a person-centered planning process.
- Service plans reflect the support that each individual wants and needs and plans change as wants and needs change.
- Individuals have opportunities to increase their abilities, confidence and quality of life and support to maintain an adequate level of health and safety.