



Avenues to Community has been providing Support Broker services since 2001.

VALUES

RELATIONSHIPS

We take the time to get to know the person who we are supporting. We listen, collaborate, and build bridges between the person and opportunities in the community.

SELF-DETERMINATION

We are strong proponents of the idea that people should decide their own path and define their own goals. We partner with the person and their support system to help find the resources they need to reach their goals and dreams.

INCLUSION

We value the connections that we can help make for people in their local community. We help people establish formal and informal supports and networks.

CREATIVITY

We create a unique relationship with each person we support. They imagine what is possible and we help the person make a plan to achieve their goals and dreams.

CHOICE

We know how important it is to have several options and opportunities. We present available resources objectively to the person and empower them to make independent choices.



MISSION

To ensure people with disabilities and older adults have the opportunity to lead self-determined lives.



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SUPPORT BROKER SERVICES



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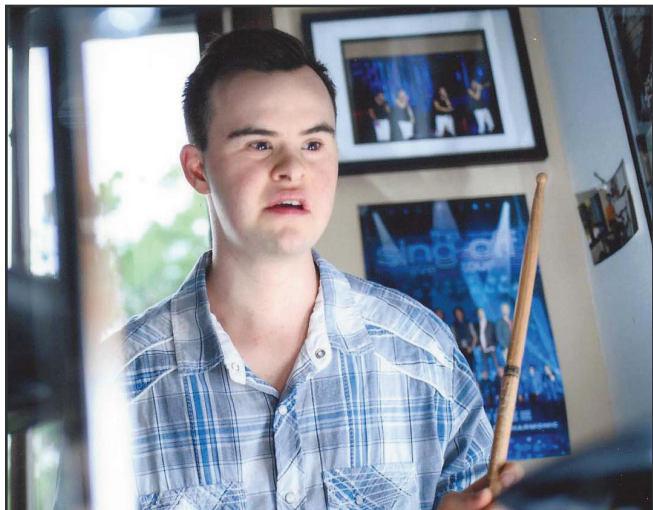


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**A LEADING PROVIDER OF
SUPPORT BROKER SERVICES
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WHO WE SERVE

Avenues to Community Support Broker services are available to people with disabilities and older adults who need assistance in self-directing their services in IRIS. Support Broker services are also available to people through private pay arrangements. Avenues Support Brokers are not affiliated with other service providers, minimizing any conflict of interest.

SERVICES WE PROVIDE

The services provided will be based on the long-term care outcomes that demonstrate the need for Support Broker services. These services cannot conflict with the IRIS consultant's role, although some services can complement the help the IRIS consultant provides. There is no minimum number of hours of service that can be requested and services can begin at any time. Services can also be provided on a short-term basis.

NEED A SUPPORT BROKER?

The following is a list of examples of services an Avenues to Community Support Broker can provide:

BUDGET AUTHORITY

- Help review and monitor your IRIS spending to ensure you stay on budget.

NAVIGATING SYSTEMS

- Help you understand Social Security benefits and help you communicate with Social Security when needed.
- Help you manage your own personal finances and refer you for trust and benefits counseling.
- Help you complete your Medicaid and FoodShare reviews.

MEDICAL COORDINATION

- Attend medical appointments with you if needed.
- Assist with communication between medical providers and service providers.
- Help you follow through with your doctor's recommendations.
- Help you get the right specialized medical equipment and supplies you need.

TRANSITION PLANNING

- Participate in transition planning from high school to adult services.
- Participate in discharge planning from hospitals or nursing homes back home.
- Help with planning when you move from your family home to a home of your own.
- Assist with end of life and funeral planning.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

- Help you identify your skills and talents which you can use to become more involved in your community.
- Help you identify social, recreational, and educational opportunities to increase community involvement.

COMMUNITY LIVING AND WORK

- Assist with finding appropriate, affordable housing if a housing counselor is unavailable.
- Assist with housemate matching.
- Identify employment opportunities and assist with the referral process for these opportunities.

EMPLOYER RELATIONS SERVICES

- Help recruit workers you wish to hire as caregivers.
- Help write job descriptions.
- Help pre-screen potential applicants.

