

Recommendations contained in the Multi-Year Plan include:

1. Restructuring the administration of the program to assure quality, efficiency, and positive individual/family outcomes and satisfaction.
2. Shifting priorities for resource allocation from facility-based programs to services that build on natural supports.
3. Creating mechanisms for individuals and families to control resources allocated to meet their need.
4. Pursuing regulatory reform.
5. Unifying funding and eliminating categorical within the mental retardation system.
6. Reinvesting savings from system reorganization into community services.
7. Provide services and supports in the community for 1,500 people who are currently living in State ICFs/MR over 5 years.
8. Transfer state and federal funding for 2,100 persons who live in non-state ICFs/MR into the community funding system by conversion to the Medicaid Waiver.

Self Determination

The principles of self determination hold that all individuals have the right to determine the course of their own lives. All individuals need to be free to exercise this right and to accept responsibility for their decisions. It is recognized, however, that some individuals require a greater degree of support in doing this than others. Family members and friends provide support and have a role in helping

individuals determine and achieve their life goals. In this process, government plays a supportive role as necessary.

Self determination means:

- ...freedom to decide
- ...support and information to make decisions
- ...control over resources
- and...responsibility for decisions and actions.

Quality Services and Supports

Quality is a fundamental consideration in the provision of services and supports. People receiving services and their families deserve the highest quality and they must be assured that quality is continually measured by people who are knowledgeable, trained and independent.

Quality means:

- Maintaining health and safety...
- Achieving optimal service outcomes for people...
- Providing to consumers and families value for the dollar.