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Participant Direction, also known as Self-Direction, is a model in which a person with long term support needs decides how he or she receives those supports in the community. The individual may decide on the hiring, firing, and training of workers and/ or purchase goods and services that make community living work for them.

"The NPN is a great group of folks working together and alongside each other looking for ways to increase opportunities for individuals with disabilities. As an advocate, service provider, and family member, I was asked to join the network to help represent my state's efforts. It has been very rewarding and I look forward to future opportunities to learn, work, and play together as we help remove barriers for others.

-Debbie S
Lexington, KY

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National Participant Network (NPN)



Who are Members of the NPN?

We are a national network of participants of all ages and disabilities, and their representatives, who direct or plan to direct our own long term services and supports. We do this to remain in and be a part of our communities.

What does the NPN do?

We assist people with disabilities to incorporate participant-direction in the delivery of their services and supports.

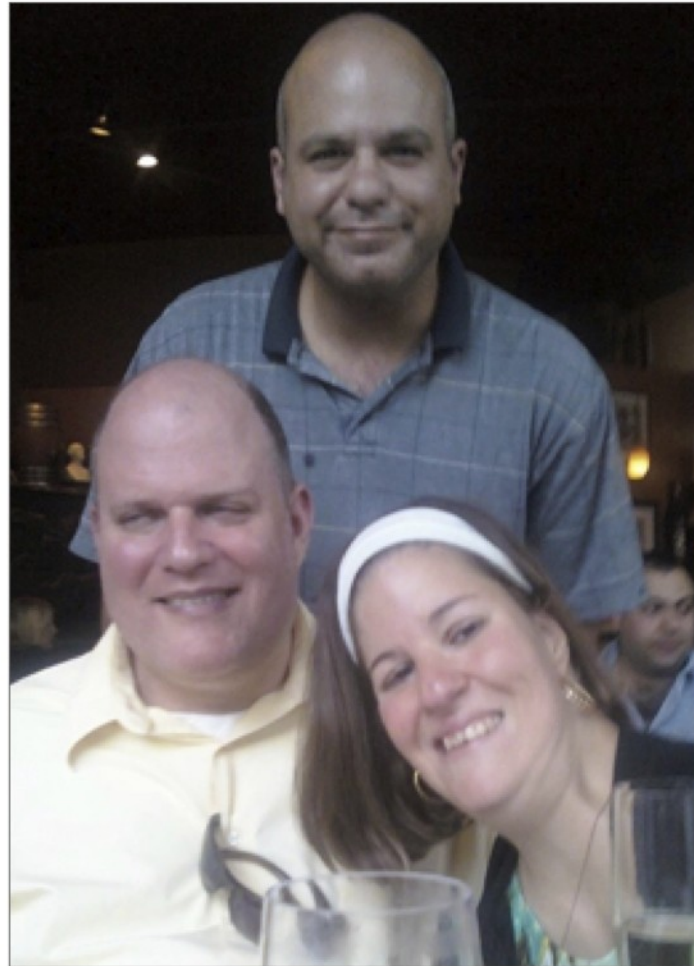
We also help to incorporate the philosophy of participant-direction in the development, implementation, and quality improvement of the programs and systems that serve people with disabilities and elders.

How Do We Know We're Successful?

The NPN considers itself successful when the voices of individuals with disabilities are heard and action is taken to improve the laws, programs, and systems that support them in our communities. We also consider ourselves successful when someone with a disability accesses our resources and becomes more engaged with their own care.

"NPN members apply their personal experiences to efforts to grow and improve participant direction in their state and across the country, impacting the lives of many others in addition to their own."

-Erin M



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NPN Achievements Include:

- *developing participant-designed training tools to aid in the growth of participant-directed services

- *contributing to national policies by showing the value of participant engagement in development of long term care supports like transportation

- *presenting at state and national conferences and testifying at state and federal hearings on issues such as direct care staff training and wages

- *helping members create and maintain local or statewide participant groups to improve state and regional challenges

- *developing and sharing research projects on the effects of participant directed programs on communities and individuals



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