



National Participant Network (NPN)

GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR RISK ASSESSMENT

- ◆ The NPN believes that all persons are able to direct their own services with appropriate supports as needed.
- ◆ The NPN asserts that the purpose of risk assessment is to determine the level of support needed for a person to successfully direct their own services.
- ◆ The NPN believes that it is wrong to prevent someone from accessing participant-directed services on the basis of a risk assessment. The NPN supports the use of risk assessment to help potential participants plan how to minimize those risks within the program.
- ◆ The NPN believes that participant direction of one's services and supports comes with certain risks, and participants accept the responsibility of managing risk as part of the process.
- ◆ The NPN recognizes that in order to reach their full potential, all people must have the opportunity to learn from both successes and mistakes.
- ◆ The NPN believes a risk assessment must be performed by someone who has an established relationship with the participant, and that the participant's choice of lifestyle and outcomes should be carefully considered in that assessment.
- ◆ The NPN believes that all assessments, identification of risks, and the resulting planning for risk, health, and safety, as well as proposed responses to risk, must be done in partnership with the participant.