I support HB1020 and SB868

Developmental Disabilities Administration -- Self-Directed Services

My Self-Directed Life



Self-Direction is important to me because it supports me to be as independent as possible.

Self-Direction has changed my life as I work in a childcare program and go to community college.

Self-Direction allows me to be out in the community going to church, playing in a bell choir, and being a member of a drama club.

Because of **Self-Direction** I can have reliable transportation to community activities, including training my assistance dog, Belle.

My family and I support the Self-Direction Act because Choice and Control make the "Good Life" possible.





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- Create a strong Advisory Council to re-establish the principles of self-direction and DDA accountability
- Allow participants to continue to include family members as support staff
- **R**estore the participants' right to choose a support broker as their professional advocate
- Ensure participant choice and control of all services
- Mandate that *anyone* eligible for DDA services can self-direct

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