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Hello Everyone!

In July 2010, the Developmental Disabilities Division implemented self-direction as a new option for service delivery into the Adult DD, Child DD, and ABI waivers. This choice allows waiver participants the Freedom to decide how to live their lives; Authority over their resources and supports; the Support they need to live full lives; and Responsibility for their decisions and actions.

The Division has developed several resources to help people understand how to use the self-direction options available and to help make informed choices about supports and services. These resources include the "Self-Direction Handbook," the new "IPC Planning Workbook", and the "Self-Directed Employee Training Guide." These guides have been written for participants and their family members to learn about all of the options available to them through Self-Direction and to learn about both Financial Management Service (FMS) options.

We know that a lot of people have questions and ideas about self-direction that they want to discuss with others. The Division has scheduled a Self-Direction conference call to host a question and answer session with people who:

* Are currently self-directing services,
* Interested in self-directing, or
* Providers involved with those self-directing
* Or anyone else who has questions, comments or ideas for the rest of us!

This new opportunity on the waivers has been working around the country and we are excited to have people in Wyoming taking more control of their services and budgets to design their life the way they choose.

Self-Direction Support Call
(Participants, Families and Providers will lead discussion points)
October 7, 2010 from 1 pm – 2 pm
1-877-278-8686 code: 058448

Self-Direction Session at the Mega Conference
The Division is coordinating a panel of self-advocates, family members and providers who are involved with self-directing to share their experiences. If you are planning on going to the conference, please join us for the lively discussion and to hear from others about the opportunities available through self-direction!

Thanks for reading!

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