

Family Managed Supports

Family Managed Support (FMS) allows families and guardians to hire their own staff to provide supports for an adult with a developmental disability. This is an alternative to using a service agency.

Under FMS, PDD establishes an agreement with a family and then provides funding directly to the family to hire staff. Funding may also be provided to individuals directly to manage their own supports.

Choosing FMS can provide individuals and families with more say in and control over their supports. Choosing FMS can let families customize supports to fit the unique circumstances of their family member with a disability.

FMS can also allow families to remain the primary care provider for their family member, while hiring staff to provide occasional additional help.

FMS can also allow individuals and families to obtain supports where there is no approved service provider agency in their area.

Supports may include a variety of services, such as assistance with personal care; community involvement; help with household duties-such as menu planning and grocery shopping, increasing community participation and help with employment.

Family-Managed Supports can include arrangements such as:

- brief respite care (e.g., hiring staff while the family has an evening out, a weekend away or goes on vacation)

- hiring staff so the family member can find and maintain a job in the community,
- hiring staff to provide a comprehensive array of supports.

Family-Managed Supports may be provided in the family home, in another family's home or in the individual's own home.

Family-Managed Supports can be as unique as the individuals for whom they are developed.

Families choosing Family Managed Supports become an employer for any staff that they hire. As an employer, the family must comply with a variety of requirements set out by both the federal and provincial governments.

You can get more information about Family Managed Supports from a Community Supports Coordinator at one of these PDD Central Region Community Board offices.

Camrose	780.679-5058
Drumheller	403.823-1653
Lloydminster	306.820-4257
Olds	403.556-4200
Red Deer	403.340-5003
Rocky	403.845-8393
Vermilion	780.853-8209
Wainwright	780.842-7501
Wetaskiwin	780.361-4532
Regional Office	403.340-5003

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More information about Family Managed Supports is also available at http://www.pdd.org/central/resources/family_managed_supports.shtml