

# The IF Library

## Resources to Help People with Developmental Disabilities Use Their Individualized Funds Effectively

Individualized funding is a way of flowing money to individuals, their family and others who support them to purchase services and supports. It is meant to be flexible and tailored to the individual. It is intended to increase choice, self-determination and social inclusion. Passport is a good example of individualized funding provided to adults with developmental disabilities in Ontario.

### What this Project is About

Using individualized funds like Passport effectively can be a challenge. It is often hard to understand what the funds are for and how best to use them. It can also be hard to develop individualized supports, manage individualized budgets, hire and maintain staff.

The purpose of this project is to gather the best resources to help people use their funds effectively and make them accessible through a single website. The website is intended to be useful to adults with developmental disabilities, their families, support networks and agencies.

### What we are Doing

From December 2017-February 2018 we are inviting people to participate in a short online survey and interviews to share the resources they use to help with individualized funding.

We will hold regional focus groups from March to July 2018 to help us identify the best resources to include on the website.

In spring 2019 we will work with advisory groups of adults with developmental disabilities, their families and service providers to develop and to test the website.

### How to get Involved

If you would like to get involved contact Amelia McIntyre toll free at 1-866-583-1081 or [amelia.mcintyre@surreyplace.on.ca](mailto:amelia.mcintyre@surreyplace.on.ca) to get more information on how you can participate.

