WHAT'S AFTER I TURN 18 & COMPLETE HIGH SCHOOL?

Some Important Things You Need to Know about the Transition to Adult Life for Youth with Disabilities…..

DOOR COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

ADRC
Aging & Disability Resource Center of Door County

✳ Making connections for ALL ages ✳

Resources for Transitioning at Age 18

Children's Long Term Support (CLTS)
Ceara Brockman, Phone: 920-746-7155
https://www.co.door.wi.gov/352/Family-Support-and-Services

Information & Assistance (I&A)
Amber Wheat, Phone: 920-746-2476
ADRC Toll Free: 1-833-620-27**30**
https://www.adrcdoorcounty.org/

Disability Benefits Specialist (DBS)
Mary Ann Salmon, Phone: 920-746-2368

Dates to Remember

AGE 17 ½:

- Prepare for applying or re-applying for SSI
- Connect with the ADRC's Information & Assistance Specialists
- Learn about access to Disability Benefits Specialists
- Learn about public benefits, assistance, referrals and support

Another Date to Remember

AGE 18:

- Responsible for all actions and decisions /end of parent rights and decision making
- Transfer of rights with IEPs; supported Decision Making options
- Apply or reapply for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) just after 18th birthday for income benefit / access to Medicaid

- May remain under Former Foster Care Medicaid until age 26 if in foster care on 18th birthday
- Adoption Assistance may end (in special cases may continue to age 19 or 21).
- Except for limited cases, transition from Children's Long Term CLTS to Adult Home & Community Based Waiver (HCBW) program if eligible. Apply as primary person for HCBW Medicaid
- If you are still attending school full time Grade 12 or below and receiving SSI, let the Social Security Administration know

More Dates to Remember

AGE 19:

- End of Student Benefit (attending Grades 12 or lower) and receiving SSI
- Katie Beckett Medicaid eligibility ends
- BadgerCare / Medicaid eligibility ends under parents' case; 19 year olds apply on their own.

AGE 22:

- Eligibility for CLTS come to an end due to age if client was ineligible for Adult Home & Community Based Waiver (HCBW) program and remained on CLTS

Door County Health & Human Services Role in Transition Planning:

Children's Long Term Support (CLTS)

CLTS assists families of children (age Birth-21) with special support needs to connect with available resources and to access funding for services and supports to meet their unique needs. Funding can be used to support a range of different services that are identified based on an individual assessment of the child and his or her needs.

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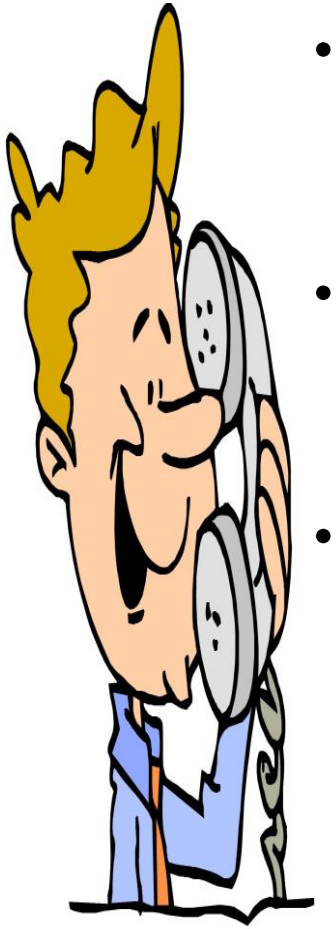
Support services may include Respite, Supportive Home Care, Transportation, Adaptive Equipment, Activity Therapies, Daily Living Skills Training, Home Modification and Vehicle Modification.

Who qualifies for CLTS:

- Be younger than age 22.
- Be eligible for Wisconsin Medicaid.
- Live at home, in foster care, or in another approved setting.
- Need a level of care that people get at:
  - A hospital.
  - A nursing home.
  - An institution for people with developmental disabilities.
- Be able to get safe, required care at home or in the community.

How to apply for CLTS:



- Please call Door County Health and Human Services at 920-746-7155 and ask to apply for Children's Programs.
- You will be connected to the Children's Programs Manager who will gather the initial information that is necessary.
- You will then be contacted by the assigned Support and Service Coordinator (SSC) to schedule the Children's Long-Term Care Functional Screen. This screen determines functional eligibility for all children's programs. Certain programs have additional eligibility requirements in addition to the functional screen.

CLTS and turning age 18.....

An important job of a CLTS Support and Service Coordinator is to help youths transition from Children's Programs to Adult Long Term Services by helping families get in touch with the Information & Assistance Specialists and Disability Benefit Specialists at the ADRC. These ADRC Specialists will take the lead in helping continue benefits or applying for new benefits.

The ADRC's Role in Transition Planning:

Information & Assistant Specialists (I & A)

Transitioning from high school to the adult world is new and different for all students. It can be particularly challenging for young adults with disabilities and their families as they leave high school and enter the world of adult services because this transition brings about many changes in their lives.

Successfully navigating this transition requires the answers to questions and Information & Assistant Specialists at the ADRC can provide resources and needed information to answer them. There is no fee for this service.

The ADRC's Role in Transition Planning:

Information & Assistant Specialists (I & A)

Here is how we help……

- Explain options for local resources & supports so that the students, parents and schools can make informed choices about education options and post-secondary activities.

- Collaborate with the schools & other resource agencies to help students & parents prepare for eligibility requirements and how to access public and private supports & services.

- Provide options counseling related to long-term care support programs.

The ADRC's Role in Transition Planning:

Information & Assistant Specialists (I & A)

Here is how we help……

- Help the student learn about employment, long-term care and living options after turning 18 and/or leaving high school.
- Present information sharing and/or training events to communicate with students, parents, educators and school administrators.
- Determine eligibility and/or enrollment for students' age 17 yrs. and 6 months for Publicly Funded Benefits: Family Care or IRIS.
- Assistance applying for public benefits.

ADRC services are available to older adults (people aged 60 and older), adults with developmental or intellectual disabilities, adults with physical disabilities, in addition to people who inquire about or request assistance for these individuals regardless of their financial means. Many of our 17-1/2 to 18 year old clients receive services through CLTS and are referred to us by their case manager. Some of these youth have not received CLTS services and are referred through their high school or a family member.

I & A Specialists

Our clients contact the ADRC looking for specific services, while others are not sure what is available that might help alleviate concerns. We help people sort through their situation & provide an opportunity to talk through their concerns. Early on in the conversation, we make sure to clarify the role of the ADRC and of us as an I & A Specialist so there won't be any misinformation or misunderstanding.

We like to first learn if the client's concern is urgent or not and whether it is based on an underlying situation. Key areas we explore include:

- Intent or reason for calling
- Strengths as well as challenges
- Preferences, values and goals
- Health and financial concerns
- Services or support the person is currently receiving or has tried in the past
- Involvement of family, friends, community interactions
- Employment goals

The ADRC's Role in Transition Planning:

Disability Benefits Specialists

A Disability Benefit Specialist is a person trained to help adults 17 1/2 to 59 years of age who are having a problem with their private or government benefits. They are often called "red tape cutters" because they help adults living with a disability with the complicated paperwork that is often required in accessing benefit programs. They assist adults with disabilities figure out what benefits they are entitled to and educate them on what they must do to receive them.

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Disability Benefit Specialists receive ongoing training and legal support from attorneys at Disability Rights Wisconsin.

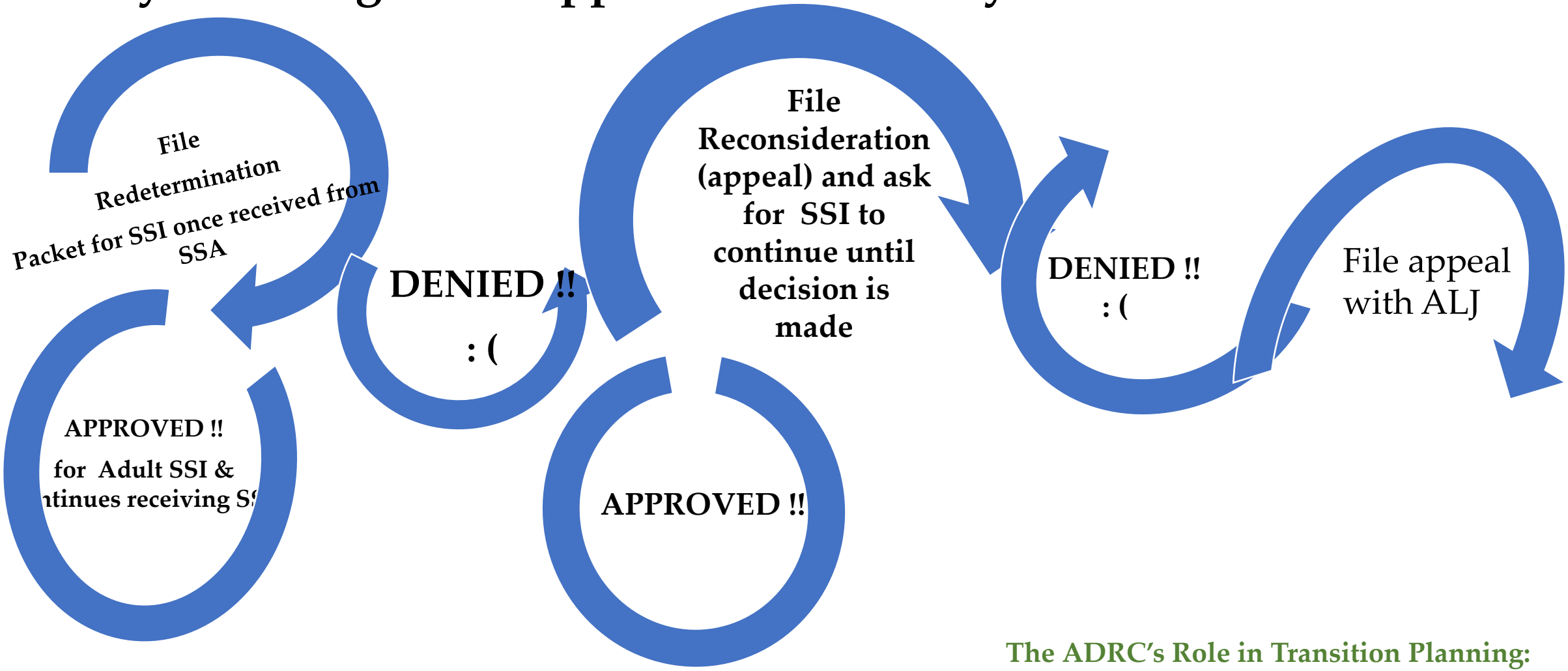
The ADRC's Role in Transition Planning:

Disability Benefits Specialists

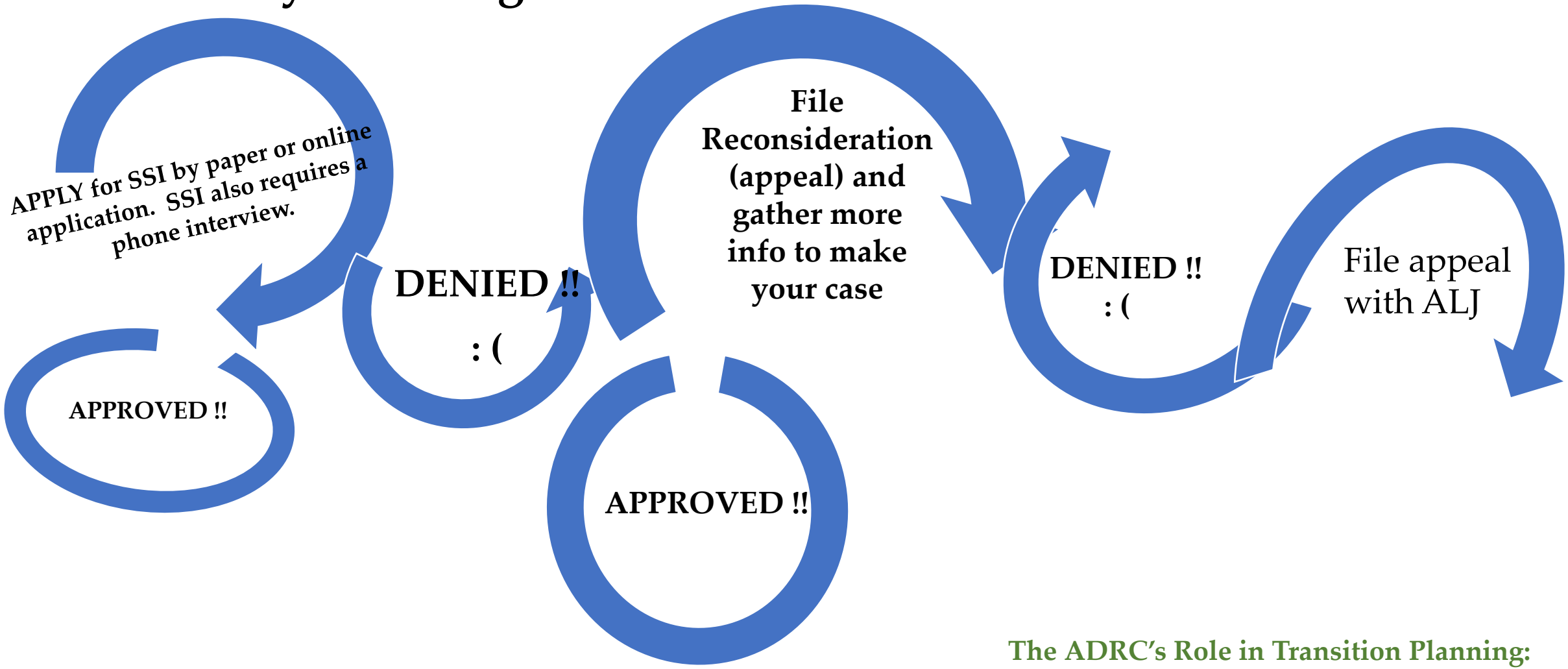
Here is how we help……

- Present accurate information on public and private benefits and programs;
- Assist in filling out applications for Social Security benefits, financial assistance programs and services;
- Support in obtaining or retaining benefits and services;
- Provide referrals, assistance and support on other matters including disability rights and the impact of earnings on financial eligibility for public benefits;
- Discuss formal appeals related to denials or termination of benefits or overpayment of benefits.

Applying for Social Security benefits when age 18 AND already receiving SSI (Supplemental Security Income :



Applying for Social Security benefits when age 18 AND NOT already receiving SSI :



DBSs can help you apply for other public benefits such as FoodShare, Medicaid and Energy Assistance. We can also put you in contact with other agencies that may help you with managing your money or staying on a budget. The ADRC has a very complete Resource Guide we can provide our clients to find resources on their own as well.

With legal status changes at age 18, youth may need assistance with informed decisions since our laws presume people are competent to make their own decisions. The 18 year old may remain “the Decider” –or- “the Decider with assistance” & financial safeguards like a payee –or- Someone else is “the Decider” such as a Power of Attorney (POA) or Guardianship, which is the most well-known legal tool.

Supported Decision Making

Informed Decisions

Supported Decision Making Options

Tools for Supported Decision Making

Home and community-based services waivers (HCBW) provide opportunities for Medicaid beneficiaries to receive services in their own home or community rather than in institutions or other isolated settings.

Over 80,000 people in Wisconsin receive services under 1915(c) waiver programs. The HCBS rule applies to the following state Medicaid waiver programs: Family Care, IRIS and CLTS. Family Care works through Managed Care Organizations (MCO), while IRIS allows clients to be self directed.

Family Care offers long-term care under one benefit program. Long-term care is a service or support a person may need because: They have a disability, are older, or have a lasting (chronic) illness. Disability, age, or illness may get in the way of a person being able to do daily tasks like bathing, getting dressed, going to work, making a meal, or paying bills.

IRIS (Include, Respect, I Self-Direct) is a program for adults with disabilities and elderly people in Wisconsin. It is a self-directed program. That means that you will have the freedom to decide how you want to live your life.

Let's wrap this up ……..
Long Term Support & Medicaid

Medicaid Home and Community Based Waivers (HCBW)

- Children's Long-Term Support (CLTS)
- Family Care (managed care) or IRIS (self-directed)

Supports

- Living, working, playing in the community
- Personal care and activities of daily living

Based on Individualized Outcomes

- How do I want to spend my days?
- Where and with whom do I want to live?
- What do I want to do for fun?

Need to apply (or reapply)

- CLTS Support and Service Coordinator and ADRC
- Based on "functional screen" and financial need
- Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRC)
- ADRC offers "options counseling" and benefits specialists

Questions???

Thank you for coming ! We hope our 2023 disABILITY Resource Fair was helpful !

Pizza from Sonny's will be available because of a generous grant from Door County Medical Center! Please check if there is some left & have a bite to eat in between attending our presentations & visiting our vendor's tables.