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The Principles of Cash and Counseling Programs

- Provides a mechanism for consumers to purchase an array of home and community services using a fiscal intermediary
 - ▶ Increase choices
 - ▶ Use of non-traditional providers
 - ▶ Services not covered in the traditional waiver
 - ▶ Flexible provider scheduling
 - ▶ Self-directed
 - ▶ Preserves dignity



Federal and National Partnerships

- Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
- Department of Health and Human Services (APSE and CMS)
- Social Security Administration
- Department of Food & Nutrition
- Mathematica Policy Research, Inc.
- Florida, New Jersey, Arkansas



Consumer Directed Care Plus (CDC+)

Origins of Consumer-Directed Care Plus

- Original Cash & Counseling CDC Demonstration Project
- 2002 Florida Legislature enacted the Consumer Directed Care Act
- Federal Government introduced Independence Plus
- CDC Plus began January 2004



What is Florida's CDC+ Program?

- Consumers “cash out” traditional home & community based services to:
 - ▶ receive a monthly budget to direct their own care
 - ▶ hire and fire own workers, including family members
 - ▶ save for major purchases



Who is Currently Eligible for CDC+?

- Consumers who were enrolled in the demonstration project's Control and Experimental groups on the:
 - Developmental Services waiver;
 - Aged/Disabled Adult waiver; or
 - Traumatic Brain/ Spinal Cord Injury waiver



Current CDC+ Enrollment

Currently,

1115 consumers are managing their own budgets

- 989 ⇒ DD/HCBS Waiver
- 120 ⇒ Aged and Disabled Adult Waiver
- 6 ⇒ Traumatic Brain and Spinal
Cord Injury Waiver



What is required of a CDC+ consumer?

- Consumers must be able to
 - hire and fire employees
 - manage the financial responsibilities of their purchasing plan
- Consumers may select a representative to manage their purchasing plan



What is the power of a CDC+ purchasing plan?

- A CDC+ purchasing plan gives the consumer the power of choosing:
 - ▶ WHO provides services
 - ▶ WHAT services are needed
 - ▶ HOW services are provided
 - ▶ WHEN services are provided



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