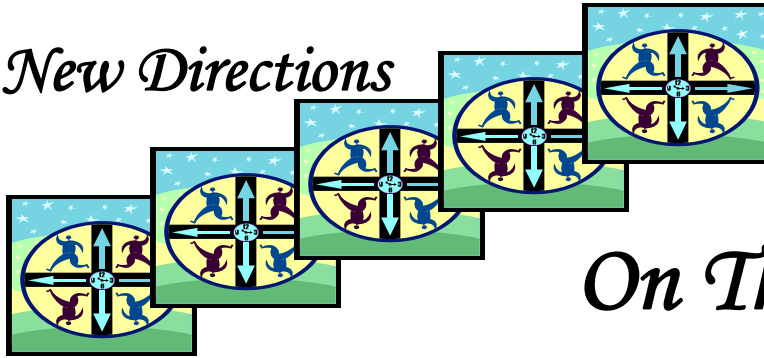


# New Directions



## On The Move

May 2006

In an effort to keep you apprised of current developments related to implementation of *New Directions*, Maryland's Independence Plus Waiver for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities, the Developmental Disabilities Administration publishes this update.



*New Directions* is truly *ON THE MOVE*! Everyone's hard work and patience has paid off! There are now 5 individuals enrolled in *New Directions* and another 10 - 20 "in the works". It has been a long haul but well worth the effort. In future updates we will ask individuals participating in *New Directions* to share their thoughts and experiences.



TASH will soon be offering training/work sessions to assist individuals as they develop their *New Directions* Plan and Budget. Individuals, Support Brokers, Resource Coordinators and others can attend to get questions answered and receive assistance in the development of the NDIP&B. The dates and locations of the training/work sessions will be posted on the DDA website and available from TASH at

**410-828-8274**

**1-800-482-8274 (toll free)**

<http://www.tash.org/mdnewdirections/about.htm>



Support Broker Orientations have been scheduled about twice a month. The next one is scheduled for May 17<sup>th</sup> in Reisterstown. All Support Brokers are required to attend the one-day orientation training. We strongly encourage *New Directions* waiver participants to attend the training as well so they can be well informed employers ☺. You can always find the most current schedule of trainings at the DDA website, [www.ddamaryland.org](http://www.ddamaryland.org).



The most recent revision of the *New Directions* Individual Plan & Budget is available at [www.ddamaryland.org](http://www.ddamaryland.org). As people are using the form and giving us feedback for improvements we are making revisions. We ask that you print off/download the most recent version when you start your planning and budgeting. Please contact Angela with feedback about suggestions for improvements to the form.



An invitation for proposal (IFP) for Fiscal Management Services (FMS) has been issued. Proposals are due to DDA no later than 3:30 p.m. May 4th. The IFP can be found at [www.ddamaryland.org](http://www.ddamaryland.org). Questions and answers from the bidders' conference will be posted there soon. New contracts will be in place July 1, 2006 for FMS services. Information about the FMS providers who will be available to hire effective July 1, 2006 will be posted on the DDA website in June.



The Regional Information Form is a tool for individuals and families to notify regional DDA offices of their interest in *New Directions* (it is not an application for service). It can be found on the DDA website: <http://ddamaryland.org/waiver.htm>



*New Directions* continues to be a work in progress and we want to thank everyone involved for contributing to the success of the program. We want to express our appreciation for the individuals and families who have been "pioneers"; for their tenacity, flexibility and commitment to making self-directed services a reality in Maryland!



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Each regional DDA office has a designated Regional *New Directions* Waiver Coordinator. They are your best source of information, both for general systems questions as well as information specific to your individual situation.

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