

## **PRINCIPLES TO EVALUATE RULES, REGULATIONS AND FUNDING STREAMS**

The following principles are essential in evaluating current rules, regulations and funding streams to arrive at a system that is consistent and has integrity. These principle-based rules, regulations and funding streams also need to address the tension between the system's responsibility for the health and safety of vulnerable citizens, and recognize the inherent risk in those citizens being able to live their own lives.

### ***RELATIONSHIP PRINCIPLE***

People\* are able to plan with and be supported by those who know and care about them.  
Relationships provide the context for all of the other principles.

### ***CONTROL, AUTHORITY & RESPONSIBILITY PRINCIPLE***

People are able to have control over, and authority and responsibility for the resources available to them for their support.

### ***EQUITY PRINCIPLE***

People with similar needs have equal access to similar financial resources with which to obtain their support.

### ***FLEXIBILITY PRINCIPLE***

People are able to creatively design their support in ways that best meet their needs and expectations, and the system's requirements.

### ***HEALTH AND SAFETY PRINCIPLE***

Health and safety parameters are created within an individual context of reasonable risk and responsibility.

### ***SIMPLICITY PRINCIPLE***

Rules, regulations and funding streams are understandable to those who receive support from service systems, and are not duplicated, replicated or incompatible with each other.

### ***ACCESSIBLE INFORMATION PRINCIPLE***

Rules, regulations and funding streams will address how people are informed about the contents therein.

*\*People refers to those receiving support and also may include parents, conservators, guardians and/or others they choose.*

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