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**To:** Division of Disability and Rehabilitative Services, Bureau of Developmental Disabilities Services families, individuals, providers, case managers and BDDS staff

**From:** Cathy Robinson, Director, Bureau of Developmental Disabilities Services

**Re:** DDRS Waiver Redesign Initial Concept Paper – public comment request

**Date:** January 7, 2020

In 2016, the Division of Disabilities and Rehabilitative Services partnered with the Arc of Indiana to host 15 listening sessions with families and self-advocates. Using that feedback as a guide, the Division embarked on a journey to redefine how we deliver person-centered services to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Our goal was to make person-centered planning a more purposeful conversation with the individuals we work with and their families.

Through this journey, the Division adopted the principles of the LifeCourse Framework, serving as our driving force and providing a shared set of values that focuses on the premise that all people have the right to live, love, learn, work and play in their community. We updated and modernized our Person Centered Individual Support Plan process. We worked with a wide variety of stakeholders to develop the Comprehensive State Plan on Community-Based Services for Persons with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities with the 1102 Task Force.

In April 2019, the Division continued its journey by kicking off the Bureau of Developmental Disabilities Services' waiver redesign project in coordination and collaboration with stakeholders, and our contracted partner Human Services Research Institute. The waiver redesign project is a multi-year process to modernize and improve the services and supports array for Home and Community-Based Services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

BDDS is pleased to share with our partners and stakeholders, the waiver redesign Initial Concept paper. The concept paper is our way of making sure that everyone has an opportunity to provide feedback and input on the major ideas and path forward. Therefore, the ideas presented are intended to be a reflection of the desires and core issues stakeholders have shared with us over the past several years, and are being presented for stakeholder feedback.

**The waiver redesign Initial Concept paper will be available for stakeholder feedback through April 17, 2020, on the DDRS Waiver Redesign webpage [available by clicking here](#).** Please see the next page for information on ways to learn more and/or to share your feedback.



### **Ways to learn more and/or to share feedback**

Online:

- Email: [BDDSIInfo@fssa.in.gov](mailto:BDDSIInfo@fssa.in.gov)
- Completion of the electronic survey available [by clicking here.](#)

Stakeholder webinar:

- January 17, 2020 – 10-11 a.m. EST
- <https://Indiana.AdobeConnect.com/indiana>

At upcoming Building Bridges meetings, all meetings are 6 – 8 p.m. local time:

- January 22, 2020: Crawfordsville Public Library, 205 S Washington Street, Crawfordsville
- January 28, 2020: Johnson County Library White River Branch, 1664 Library Blvd, Greenwood
- February 6, 2020: Clarksville Public Library, 1312 Eastern Blvd, Clarksville
- February 12, 2020: Evansville Public Library, 200 SE Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, Evansville
- February 19, 2020: Bloomington, Location TBD
- March 12, 2020: Plymouth Public Library, 201 N Center Street, Plymouth
- March 23, 2020: Fort Wayne Public Library, 900 Library Plaza, Fort Wayne

Additional stakeholder feedback opportunities will be available, both online and in-person. Information on additional opportunities will be available on the DDRS Waiver Redesign webpage, DDRS Announcements, Indiana Bureau of Developmental Disabilities Facebook page, and the *INvision* newsletter. As a reminder, once further feedback is received, the final concept paper will be released in the summer of 2020, and additional stakeholder feedback opportunities will be available at that time as well.