



Top 10 Things You Need to Know...

PDD's New Policy on Family-Managed Supports

- Historically, PDD's provincial operational policy has focused on funding support options through the community service provider sector or government operated facilities, with little policy reference to family-managed supports.
- Across Alberta, families are becoming interested in directly hiring and managing paid supports, as an alternative to hiring supports from the service provider sector
- In August 2005 an advisory team of PDD and AACL representatives was created to develop family-managed policy parameters which support PDD's strategic direction of assisting individuals to have lives of relationships and contribution
- Care was taken to ensure that the policy parameters are family-friendly, while meeting core government accountability requirements for the use of public funds
- Policy parameters will guide regional practice by identifying core characteristics for family-managed supports, principles of practice, and clear accountability roles
- PDD is implementing provincial policy on family-managed supports, effective April 2006, with the expectation that regional practices align with policy.
- All regions will offer family-managed supports as a readily accessible option for families, with any concerns being shared openly with the family and steps taken to reduce risks
- Accountability expectations have been identified in policy and steps are being taken to identify monitoring and evaluation processes
- In conjunction with AACL, PDD Community Boards have developed family guides that align with provincial policy
- Effective April 1, 2006 the Family-Managed Supports Project Report and policy document will be available at www.pdd.org or through PDD Community Boards.

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