

# Principles of Implementation

- Consumers should take the lead in implementation
- The policy and program focus should be on consumer needs as they are defined by consumers
- Information should be in plain language and accessible to everyone to enable broad participation
- Professionals should transform their practice form "doing for" to "doing with" to enable participation
- Policies, procedures, protocols, and regulations should be developed from the ground up
- Advocacy, personal supports, the prevention of abuse and neglect, representation agreements and assessment of needs and capability should be seen as inter-connected elements of a community-based system of alternatives to formal guardianship
- Community and government should have equal authority during implementation
- There should be a well-formulated, independent evaluation of implementation