

The ReBAR PROJECT
“Restructuring Budgets, Assessments and Rates”

Guiding Principles

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Oregon is embarking on a project to restructure the system by which it provides services to individuals with developmental disabilities in residential facilities (DD50), supported living (DD51), employment and community inclusion (DD54) and children’s residential facilities (DD142).

This project is guided by key principles that are shared by stakeholders, are to be consistently applied throughout the project and will ultimately serve as a gauge of the expansion of empowerment of consumers as decision-makers and improvement in the standardization of services and rates statewide.

Together, the following principles serve as the framework to proactively guide providers, professionals, consultants and consumers in their efforts on this project through September of 2010:

- Within the funds available to the consumer in their Individual Budget Allocation (IBA) and through discussion with their ISP Team, the consumer is offered choice, and exercises control, in the decisions about the type, quantity, and venue in which his/her services are received;
- Assessment procedures involve the consumer, family members and others who know the individual best;
- There is a correlation between the needs of persons served and the distribution of resources;
- Individual Budget Allocations (IBAs) established:
 - are flexible and responsive to the individual’s life changes;
 - are transparent and portable;
 - are statistically valid and derived from a proven instrument;
 - consider the differences among individuals with regard to physical, medical, behavioral, transitional, functional and familial variables;
 - are part of the person-centered planning process with each individual;
- The “restructured” system of services:
 - cultivates and nurtures a community of providers that are strong and flexible;
 - includes policies and procedures that help move the system, including the provider community, towards a more unified approach in critical areas;
 - pays providers the same service rates in comparable circumstances for consumers with similar needs;

- The rate-setting methodology established:
 - facilitates the achievement of valued outcomes for consumers;
 - is developed with consumer input;
 - has validity, credibility and is easily understood;
 - is fair and equitable;
 - is accepted by consumers, families, advocates, providers, legislators, state and county representatives;
 - is regularly examined and revised to reflect fiscal and economic changes

- As new systems are designed, the communication about changes is frequent, open and easily accessible by consumers and family members, providers and where appropriate, the community at large.

- The rollout and transition to new systems includes a plan for managing change and reducing disruption to consumers and providers, as much as possible.