



In company with people committed to assisting people with ID/DD in a variety of ways & places
we want to

**discover pathways to freedom &
apply our discoveries to
the design of supports
that promote thriving relationships,
neighborhoods, and communities.**

We see two aspects of freedom:
freedom from oppressive stories & structures &
freedom to contribute to family, community, &
planetary wellbeing.

With good support, people with disabilities & their allies continue to blow up expectations that restrict their access to valued roles in community life & impose restrictions on their freedom to act as full citizens. Their voices grow stronger & more influential. Their relationships become more diverse. Their capacities & concerns add energy to a wider range of community issues.

Making time to reflect on the ways organizations create & sustain good supports is important.

- There is more to discover about offering good support.
- The forms of relationship, ways of thinking, & practices that encourage freedom have not been nearly as widely adopted as the vocabulary of choice & person centered planning has been. Clarifying the way we have made real changes & renewing our stories of good support serves the whole field.

- Systems make sustaining and building on good support challenging. Imposing compliance with complicated rules & cost control measures, too little investment to attract and retain capable workers, & giving in to the political demands of nursing homes & other segregating & restricting settings all pose challenges.

We want to join you in creating a space for new ways of making sense and new options for action to emerge. The hosting team will offer invitations to try out some practices for discovery & design that we have found helpful. We have begun to curate a resource collection we hope you will add to. The website provides spaces to connect and share.

All that's needed now is for you bring the gifts of your experience & creative energy.