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# HOW I WANT TO SPEND MY TIME

Making Informed Choices

HAVING A JOB

PARTICIPATING
IN THE COMMUNITY

CLASSES AND EDUCATION





Name Date

This booklet helps you tell agencies and providers about your goals and how you want to spend your time. The agency's and provider's job is to help you accomplish what is important to you.



What kind of job you want



Classes you want to take



Community activities you want to do

Having information you need before making an important decision helps you be in charge. This means you are making **informed choices** about who will support you and how they will help accomplish your goals.

### HOW TO USE THIS BOOKLET

- 1. Look at the questions, think about what you want.
- 2. Answer the questions.
- 3. Meet with the agency or provider about your choices.
- 4. Make an agreement with the agency or provider.

# CHOOSE [1] AREA MOST IMPORTANT TO YOU

l want	to work:				
JUNE S M T W T F S  JUNE S M T W T F S	☐ Have a job	☐ My own business			
	Type of work				
	Hours per day				
	Days to work				
	Money I want to make				
	Other important things_				
	I need help understanding benefits: $\square$ yes $\square$ no				
l want	to learn new things:				
	☐ Train for a job	Notes: (When, Where)			
	☐ Take classes				
	☐ Go to college				
	☐ Other				
I want to be in the community:					
	☐ Go places I like	Notes: (When, Where)			
	☐ Be a volunteer				
	☐ Make friends or date				
	☐ Other				

## IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT ME

	✓ Check off what is important:	
	☐ I like quiet places.	
	☐ I do not mind noise.	
	☐ I like a support person who helps me.	
	☐ I like to do things on my own.	
	☐ I do not like crowds.	
	☐ I like being around lots of people.	
	Other	
	SUPPORT I NEED	
1. Job	coach to show me how to do my work.	
MY COMPANY		
2. Tuto	or to help me learn new things.	
3. Hel	p with making arrangements.	
4. Hel	p communicating what I want.	
5. Trai	nsportation.	

### QUESTIONS FOR AGENCIES AND PROVIDERS

# I want a provider who will help me with this goal. Check area most important.

	□ Work
	Learning new things
	☐ Being in the community
1.	How will you help me reach my goal?
2.	How will you help me make my plan?
3.	If I change my goal, will you help me make a new plan?
4.	Can I choose the person who will support me?
5.	Who can I talk to that you have helped?
	Name



# OUR AGREEMENT

### l agree to:



- 1. Tell you what is important to me.
- 2. Work with your staff to make my plan.
- 3. Take action on my plan.
- 4. Say what is working well for me.
- 5. Report what needs to change.

✓ Signature	
Date	

### You [Agency and Provider] agree to:

Listen to what is important to me.

Help me make my plan.

Help me take action on my plan.

- A. Make or get adaptations I need.
- B. Provide trained staff.
- C. Use community resources.

Other		
<b>✓</b> Signature		
Date		

