



Self Advocating:

Being Aware of Your Choices

Who we are?

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- **Vicky Gunderson – Fiscal Employer Agent (FEA)**
 - GT Independence



Objectives for today

- To understand the scope of long-term services that promote safe and effective transitions.
- To have the knowledge of available resources.
- To have answers to your questions to assist you in planning your path with long-term supports and services.

"I am different, not less" - Dr. Temple Grandin

Being Aware

To understand the scope of long-term services that promote safe and effective transitions.

- **Aging Disability Resource Center or**
- **Aging Disability Resource Specialists**
 - Also known as an ADRC and ADRS
 - An ADRC is the first place to go with your aging and disability questions. ADRCs empower and enrich the lives of older adults, adults with disability, and their caregivers.



Where do you begin?

Your local ADRC
or tribal ADRS



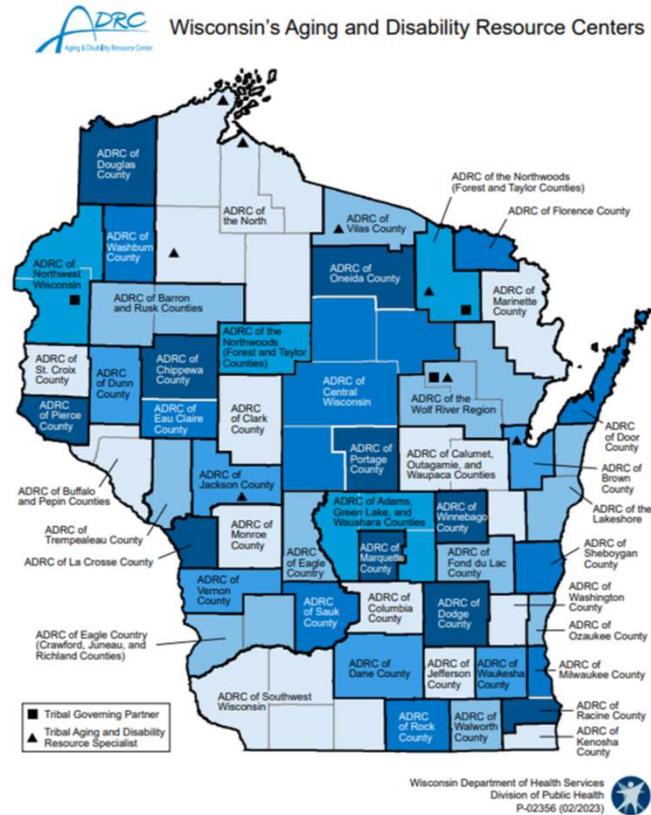
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What will you want to know?

Your local ADRC
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Handout on your tables

- **Contact your county's ADRC or tribal ADRS**
 - What are you asking when you call?
- **Functional Eligibility**
 - Long-term Functional Screen – what is it?
- **Financial Eligibility**
 - Full-benefit Medicaid recipient? Yes
 - Full-benefit Medicaid recipient? No
- **Enrollment Counseling**
 - What are long-term care options?
 - Enrollment or referral date will be determined.

ADRC and tribal ADRS



- Terms you may hear, or you may be aware of:
 - CLTS (Childrens Long-term Support)
 - Cost Share
 - Public Benefits
 - Income Maintenance Agency
 - Medicaid fee-for-service
 - Partnership
 - PACE (Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly)
 - Not eligible: Private Pay
 - Not eligible: Respite Programs

“Alone, we can do so little; together, we can do so much” – Helen Keller

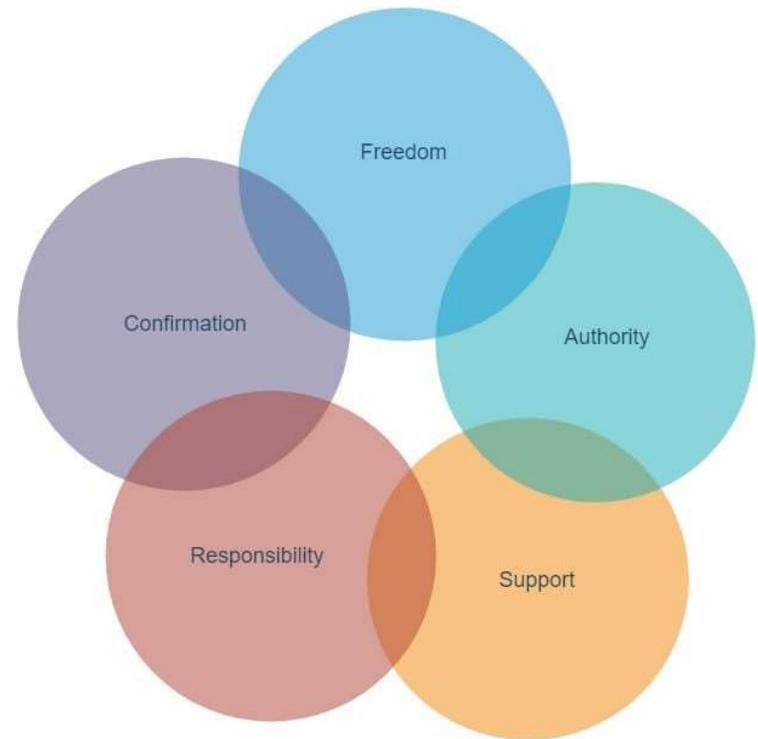
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- Dani Bowman

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Self-Determination

Five Core Principles



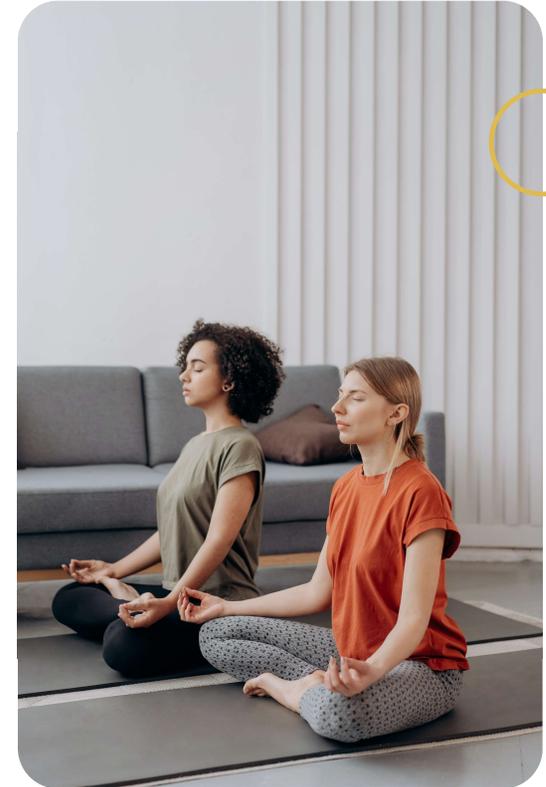
Self-Direction



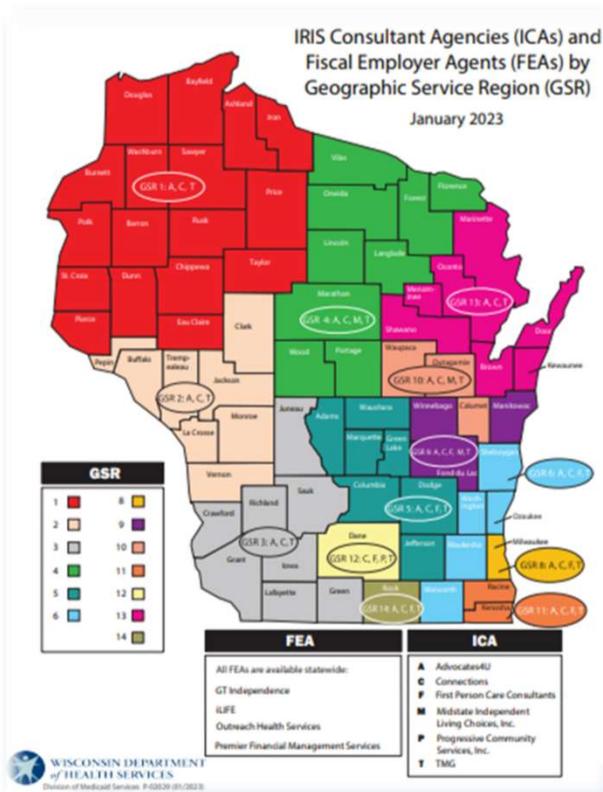
Self-Direction refers to an individual to direct their own lives based on their understanding of themselves, their life, and their needs.

Being Aware

- To understand the scope of long-term services that promote safe and effective transitions.
- What should you know about IRIS?
 - **IRIS** (Include, Respect I Self-direct)
 - A program for adults with disabilities and elderly people in Wisconsin. It is a self-directed program.
 - IRIS Consultant Agency (ICA)



IRIS Consultant Agencies and Fiscal Employer Agents



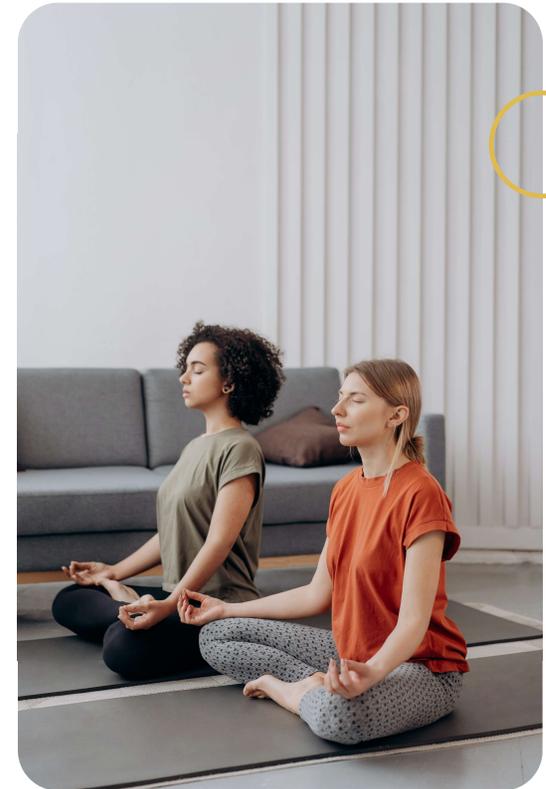
- (6) IRIS Consultant Agencies
 - Advocates4U
 - Connections
 - First Person Care Consultants
 - Midstate Independent Living Choices
 - Progressive Community Services
 - TMG
- (4) Fiscal Employer Agents
 - GT Independence
 - iLife
 - Outreach/Acumen
 - Premier Financial Services

Being Aware

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- What should you know about Family Care?

- **Family Care**

- A program for adults with disabilities and elderly people in Wisconsin.
- Managed Care Organization (MCO).

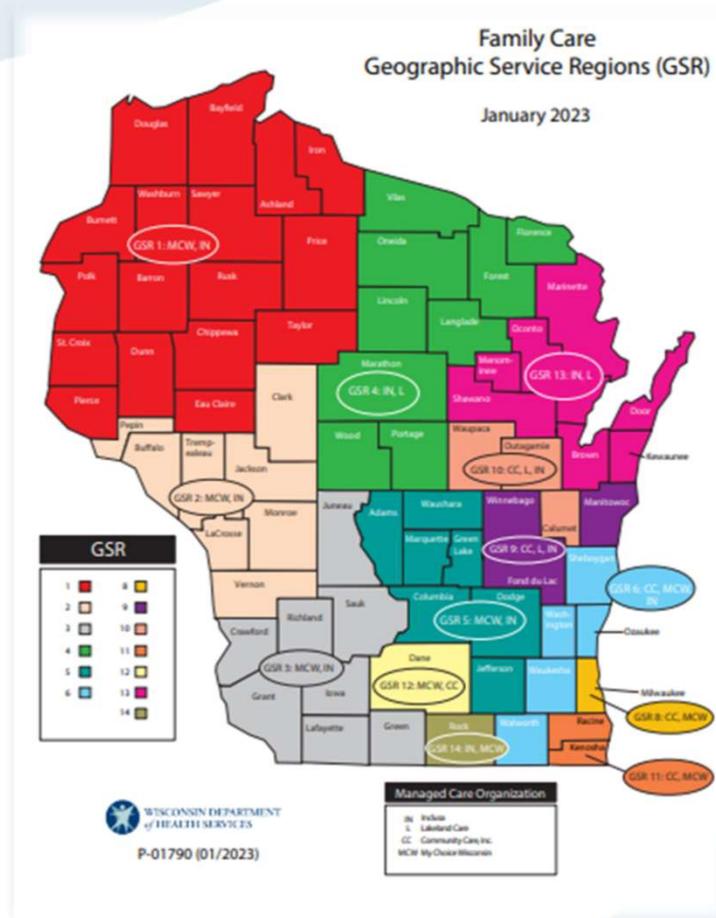


"Everyone has a mountain to climb and autism has not been my mountain, it has been my opportunity for victory." - **Dr. Rachel Barcellona**

Family Care

Managed Care Organizations

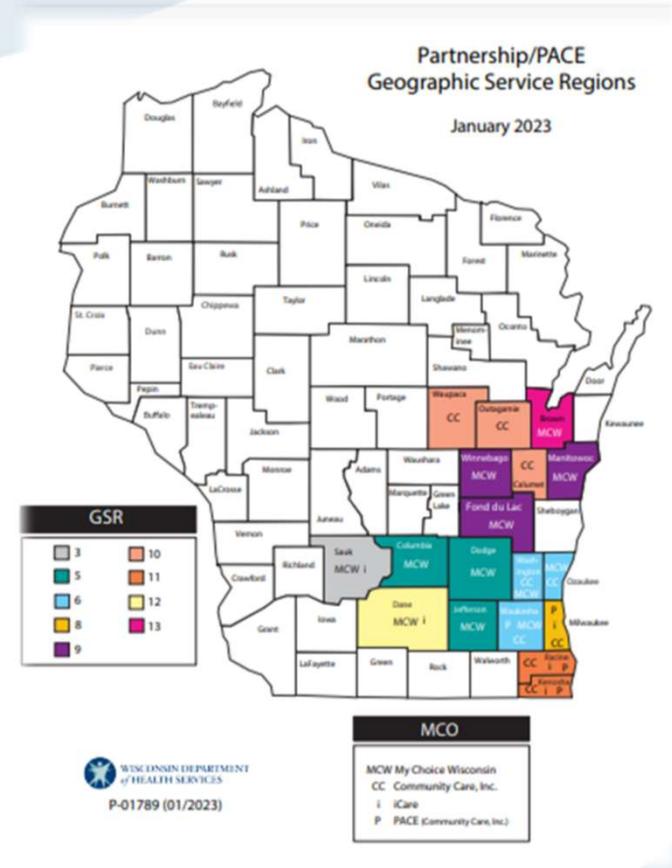
- (5) Managed Care Organizations
 - Community Care, Inc.
 - iCare
 - Inclusa
 - Lakeland Care
 - My Choice Wisconsin
- Fiscal Employer Agents
 - Based upon each MCO and their contracted Fiscal Employer Agent(s)



Family Care

Partnership/PACE

- **Partnership**
 - Mixes health and long-term support services in home and community settings.
- **PACE**
 - Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly
 - Helps members live in a home setting.
 - Counties: Kenosha, Milwaukee, Racine, Waukesha



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Be Aware

Fiscal Employer Agent

- Fiscal Employer Agent (FEA)
- Financial Management Service (FMS)
- Payroll
- Payroll Agent
- Fiscal Agent/Agency
- Fiscal Intermediary

"Autism can't define me, only I can define autism." - Dr. Kerry Magro

Fiscal Employer Agent

Scope of Services

- Self-direction education
- Financial administrative duties for the Employer of Record (EOR)
- Issue payroll (EOR chooses who they wish to hire)
- Process employee/provider eligibility requirements
 - (ie: background check, OIG check)
- Prepare/process tax liability
- Workman's compensation
- Prepare and disburse W-2's
- Process Participant/Member, and Employee/Worker required documentation
 - Family Care: FEA completes initial documentation with the Member
 - IRIS: Initial documentation is completed with the IRIS Consultant

"For most of us, technology makes things easier. For a person with a disability, it makes things possible" – Judy Heumann, American Disability Rights Activist

Resources

- Handouts
- Maps to view
- DHS – Wisconsin
 - <https://dhs.wisconsin.gov/>
- ADRC or ADRS (ask us, we will provide you your county ADRC or ADRS contact information)
- Ask – Ask – Ask





Questions

Thank you



Independent living is **not doing things by yourself.**

It is being in control of **how things are done.**

—Judy Heumann