



## COMMUNITY SUPPORTS:

### MySupport

LOCATION: Statewide

| FUNDING: \$10,000

#### GOALS

**Council Goal:** Children and adults with developmental disabilities meaningfully participate in all facets of community life, and are valued and supported by their communities.

**Council Objective:** Increase access to community-based services and supports.

**Goals of Initiative:** To assist with start-up costs for MySupport to become operational in Maryland. MySupport is an online provider directory platform that people with disabilities and their families can use to find support staff.

#### OVERVIEW

MySupport will assist people with disabilities who self-direct their services in finding support staff. Designed similarly to social media platforms, people with disabilities will be able to use MySupport to determine service providers who would be the best fit for them based on what they determine is important. Once operational in Maryland, people looking for support and support providers will post personalized profiles and the MySupport custom matching system will provide recommended matches based on their support preferences and values.

#### STRATEGIES & ACTIVITIES

- Engage in outreach and ongoing workforce recruitment in order to establish and adequately fill in the provider directory.
- Integrate the MySupport online platform with Maryland's Fiscal Management Service entities to enable people who self-direct their services to seamlessly manage timesheets, background checks, and other service authorizations.
- Hire a community manager in Maryland to support the rollout, including providing support to people with disabilities, their families, support brokers, and other community organizations.

#### OUTCOMES

- People who self-direct their services will have more choice and control over who they hire.