



	Program	AccessAbility Supports	
	Subject	Personal Supports	Policy # 2.1
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1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 To describe and identify personal supports that may be available to eligible applicants.

2.0 DEFINITIONS

2.1 **Applicant:** a person who applies for AccessAbility Supports (AAS), on whose behalf an application is made, or a person who receives AAS.

2.2 **Capability Assessment:** a systematic process for determining strengths and identifying potential support needs for applicants with a disability.

2.3 **Collaborative Action Plans (CAPs):** a tool to assist assessors to systematically interpret all the information recorded on an instrument. CAPs are not intended to automate care planning; rather, they help the clinician focus on key issues identified during the assessment process, so that decisions as to whether and how to intervene can be explored with the individual.

2.4 **Natural Supports:** the relationships that occur in everyday life, which usually involve family members, friends, co-workers, neighbors and acquaintances. They may also include basic community resources.

2.5 **Parental Responsibilities:** refers to a set of rights and privileges that children have with their parents and with those adults who have a significant role in the child's life as the basis of their relationship. Usually, parental responsibilities include both parenting time and decision-making responsibilities.

3.0 POLICY STATEMENT

3.1 Personal Supports provide funding to purchase supports directly related to the applicant's disability needs and goals to enable the applicant to remain living at home with their family or to live independently with support from their family or natural supports.

3.2 Personal Supports are intended to supplement the natural supports that an applicant receives from their family/personal supports, and through other government and community resources.

3.3 Personal Supports are not intended to replace parental responsibilities, unless a disability-specific support is identified through the capability assessment. A child care support, such as private sitter expenses, is an example of a parental responsibility for children under the age of 12 years.

4.0 PROCEDURE STATEMENT

- 4.1 The capability assessment will identify the applicant's strengths and potential support needs. The results of the capability assessment will produce CAPs and will determine the funding amounts that are available for Personal Supports.
- 4.2 The AAS Coordinator will work with the applicant and the family/personal supports to develop an individualized support plan using the information from the CAPs produced by the assessment, the applicant's identified needs and support network, and any other relevant information provided.
- 4.3 Support options offered within Personal Supports are listed below. Further information on these service options may be found in the AAS Funded Supports Appendix.
- Daily Living Supports;
 - Life Skills Development;
 - Independent Living;
 - Capacity Building;
 - Technical Aids and Assistive Devices;
 - Specialized Care.

5.0 REFERENCES

- 5.1 AAS Funded Supports Appendix

HISTORY: