

**347.010 Legislative findings on services and supports for persons with developmental disabilities -- Construction of chapter.**

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky hereby finds and declares that:

- (1) A comprehensive and outcome-driven system of services and supports provided to persons with developmental disabilities must be designed, coordinated, consistent, and monitored to meet the self-determined needs of those persons as well as to protect their legal and human rights;
- (2) The current system of services and supports for persons with developmental disabilities needs substantial improvement in order to provide an array of services including person-driven community-based services and supports;
- (3) It is necessary to require:
  - (a) The identification, development, provision, and evaluation of services and supports for persons with developmental disabilities;
  - (b) Interagency and intra-agency planning, development, implementation, and evaluation of services and supports that are the most community inclusive, responsive to individual needs, and that assure legal and human rights for equal opportunity;
  - (c) Establishment of an array of community-based comprehensive services and supports, provided by public and private sectors, that allow persons with developmental disabilities the right to participate in the life of the community, including residential alternatives, employment, and social and recreational activities; and
  - (d) Funding strategies that promote the development of community-based services and supports that demonstrate:
    1. Flexibility for the person with developmental disabilities;
    2. Distribution of available funds among all interested service providers based on the needs of the person with developmental disabilities; and
    3. Efficiency and accountability to the general public.
- (4) The provisions of this chapter shall be construed to protect and promote the continuing development and maintenance of physical, mental, and social skills of persons with developmental disabilities; and
- (5) The provisions of this chapter shall not alter requirements and responsibilities mandated under any state or federal act, relieve any organizational unit or administrative body of its duties under those acts, or transfer among state organizations or administrative bodies any responsibilities, powers, or duties mandated by those acts.

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