



Created in 2015, In the Driver's Seat assists with navigating the NYS Self-Directed service system. Powered by the passion and commitment of volunteers, In the Driver's Seat provides resources and tools at your fingertips to find solutions and create opportunities that wouldn't otherwise exist.



Cindy and Joyce stepped up to the plate to help me as I was navigating the difficult and overwhelming Self-Direction process. They helped with overcoming hurdles and practical suggestions. The emotional support that I felt and still feel from Cindy and Joyce is reassuring. I remain grateful to the two amazing founders of In the Driver's Seat." - P. Kivel



I've found In the Driver's Seat to be an incredible resource as we were creating and launching my son's Self-Directed plan. In the Driver's Seat helped me to identify and train the staff since the launch. I now help other families with their plans and budgets and always refer them to IDS to help with the complexities of Self-Direction. I'm not sure that we would have such a wonderful outcome for our son, were it not for In the Driver's Seat." - C. Romanowski

Look for more in 2024

Self-Directed survey outcomes will be available

Self-Direction Focus group for aging families; facilitated by Al Condeluci, PhD

Increased collaborations to provide workshops and conferences throughout NYS

Winter and Summer newsletters

Regular website updates

2023 Accomplishments

Provided direct support to **55 families** throughout NYS

Collaborated with organizations to deliver **5 statewide conferences**

Piloted Handshake as a potential tool to hire college students as self-hire staff

Expanded resources to include the Capital District and Hudson Valley

Partnered with Strong Center for Development Disabilities to develop **a Self-Direction survey**

Participated in numerous **Self-Direction advocacy meetings**

Website Visits: 7128
increase of 72%

Pages viewed per visit: 4
increase of 64%

410 Connect Members

2023 – NYS Council on Developmental Disabilities (formerly NYS DDPC) provided grant funding to provide additional resources and support

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