

**PRIMARY DIFFERENCES BETWEEN CONSUMER-DIRECTED SERVICES
FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS**

Family-Directed Services Minor Children	Self-Directed Services Adults
SCOPE	
Children who do not meet institutional level of care can access the Family- Directed Services option through 1915i HCBS. IDAPA 16.03.13.010	Adults must meet institutional level of care (be waiver eligible) to access Self-Direction. IDAPA 16.03.13.010
Children must live at home with their parent or legal guardian to participate in the Family-Direction Program. IDAPA 16.03.10.663 & 683	
SUPPORT BROKER	
A qualified parent or legal guardian may act as their child's unpaid Support Broker. IDAPA 16.03.13.110	The participant must purchase support broker services. A parent cannot be their adult child's Support Broker.
Support Brokers must attend the initial Support Broker training. IDAPA 16.03.13.135	The initial Support Broker training is optional, but recommended.
Support Brokers are required to assist children enrolled in the Family-Directed Services option as they transition to adult DD services. IDAPA 16.03.13.136	
COMMUNITY SUPPORT WORKER	
A parent or legal guardian may not be a paid Community Support Worker. IDAPA 16.03.13.140	A parent or legal guardian can be a paid Community Support Worker for their adult child. IDAPA 16.03.13.140
A Community Support Worker: a. Must not supplant the role of the parent or legal guardian; b. Cannot be paid to fulfill any obligations that the parent or legal guardian is legally responsible to fulfill for their child. IDAPA 16.03.13.140	When a home is paid to provide care to a participant who requires assistance with activities of daily living and/or supervision, the home must be certified as a family home (CFH).
BUDGET	
A child's family-directed budget does not include all services related to their developmental disability. Some examples of services NOT included in a child's budget include: medical, school based, mental health services, transportation, durable medical equipment, physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech therapy.	Adult self-directed budgets include all services related to an individual's developmental disability. Some examples of services that ARE included in their budget include: durable medical equipment, physical therapy, speech therapy, and occupational therapy. Adult self-directed budgets do not include medical services.
DECISION - MAKING AUTHORITY	
The parent or legal guardian is responsible for decisions made on behalf of a child participant. IDAPA 16.03.13.020	The participant, or legal guardian if one exists, is responsible for decisions made on behalf of an adult participant. IDAPA 16.03.13.020

This list contains primary differences between FDS and SDS programs.

There are additional differences in forms, procedures and processes that all Support Brokers are responsible for knowing.