

Inclusion Nova Scotia Messages- October

Allied Health Support Work

- DSP is working on some health-related work, such as developing outreach services, plans, and strategies, that people with disabilities can access to support them while living in community. These include:
 - A nursing review that will look at what kinds of nursing support people with disabilities need in facilities and how that support can be provided in the community.
 - An outreach service that will help people with disabilities and their support networks build skills, become more independent, and be more involved in their communities.
 - A new strategy that streamlines internal processes to ensure more efficient and coordinated responses when urgent situations arise.

What health partners are involved in this work?

- DSP is working with the Department of Health and Wellness (DHW), the Office of Addictions and Mental Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care, Nova Scotia Health (NSH), IWK Health, and others!

Service Evolution Fund

- The Service Evolution Fund (SEF) is a government grant program. It provides funding to help disability service providers shift their services to better align with the remedy.
- Recently, the SEF gave grant funding to two projects. One created a new plan about how they could offer different services that are more in keeping with the goals of the remedy. The other held a conference for staff working in day programs. Both improve the quality of community supports for people with disabilities in Nova Scotia.
- In the past few months, seven new projects have recently been approved for these grants across Nova Scotia, supporting various efforts to improve the disability supports available in community.

What kinds of projects can receive funding through the SEF?

- The SEF funds various projects. This includes staff training, planning and research to improve services, activities that build community inclusion, and projects that help organizations move toward community-based supports for people with disabilities. If you are interested in applying, follow the link below:
 - <https://dsp-transformation.ca/SEF>
 - <https://www.dsp-transformation.ca/news/funding-more-remedy-projects>

Supported Decision Making

- Supported Decision-Making (SDM) is about helping people with disabilities make their own choices and have control over decisions that affect their lives. DSP is working on developing tools and training for staff to better help people with disabilities make decisions for themselves.
- Engagement sessions with key groups like Inclusion Nova Scotia are finishing soon, marking the end of the research and planning part of the project.
- Training is currently happening for new DSP hires in this area as well – people with disabilities are involved in the design and delivery, and training in this area is a key component of the Remedy.

How will Supported Decision-Making be used in DSP?

- The goal is to create tools and training materials for DSP Staff so they can better help people with disabilities make informed decisions for themselves.

Individualized Funding (IF) Update

- Several service providers have been approved to offer individualized funding services to people in DSP – people have begun to submit their IF proposals with the support of their IPSCs, and many are being approved.
- IPSCs continue to work with people to develop more plans for a good life in community.