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Differences between BDAP and Service Coordinators

How is an advocate different from my Service Coordinator?

Service Coordinators and advocates overlap in some ways. Service Coordinators have to be “person-centered.” This means that they need to listen to what you want in getting your services. An advocate also listens to what you want, but they do not work for the agency that gives you services. The advocate

works for you.

SERVICE COORDINATOR



ADVOCATE



Coordinates your services and can help you solve problems with your staff and home provider.



What do they do?

BDAP advocates for you, even if what you want is different from what your staff or guardian wants.



Recruits, hires, schedules, and supervises your staff.



What do they do to get me staff?

Helps you solve problems and ask for changes if you have a problem with your staff.

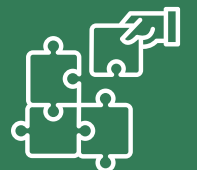


Your service coordinator hires home providers, signs contracts with them, and visits sometimes.



What do they do with my home provider?

Helps solve your problems with your home providers.



Reviews your needs assessment, writes your Individual Support Agreement, and asks DAIL for more money for services if needed.



What do they do about the type of services I get?

Helps you ask for support based on what you need. The Advocate can help talk to your service coordinator if you feel they are not listening to you.



A service coordinator must report if they think you are being abused, neglected, or exploited. They have to do what they think is best to keep you safe.



What is their role if I am being abused?

The Advocate will only report abuse if you ask her to help you. If you are in an unsafe situation, she will help you make a plan to be safe.

