Communities On The Move
Inclusion through Advocacy, Policy, & Practice

Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Conference
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PRINCIPLE 1 | Improve Health and Wellbeing through Individual Empowerment and System Coordination
Empower people to manage their health and wellness with their chosen support network, healthcare and service providers, and communities, regardless of a person’s condition or perceived capabilities.

PRINCIPLE 2 | Achieve Community Inclusion and Full Participation
Expedite access, choice and full integration into meaningful activities of community living (social, economic, educational, and recreational) by providing and coordinating necessary services and supports.

PRINCIPLE 3 | Ensure Full Access to Services and Supports
Revise and strengthen policies and programs to provide affordable, flexible access to the services and supports people need to live independently.

PRINCIPLE 4 | Value Dignity and Choice
Valuing and ensuring dignity, personal strengths, and self-determination must be core to successful and sustainable long-term services and supports.

PRINCIPLE 5 | Achieve Access to Meaningful Work and Activities
Achieve full community participation in valued roles and equitable access to competitive integrated employment or other meaningful activities.

PRINCIPLE 6 | Accelerate Access to Innovative Technologies
Ensure that people with disabilities and older adults are key stakeholders and fully involved in the development of new technologies, and have the necessary technologies that support independence, social participation, dignity and self-direction.