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## What is the Supports Intensity Scale® (SIS®)?

The Supports Intensity Scale (SIS) is an interview tool that measures the support a person with developmental disabilities needs to fully participate in the community. The SIS was written to enhance the person centered planning process.

## What does “support” mean?

“Support” means the help a person needs to do something successfully. Supports could be paid or unpaid.

## What does the SIS measure?

The SIS measures the help a member needs in many areas of home and community living.

## Who developed the SIS?

A team from the American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities developed the SIS. This team included self-advocates, family members, and others in the field of developmental disabilities.



## How is the Division planning to use the SIS?

The Division is conducting a Pilot Study to determine whether the SIS will be helpful in improving identification of the supports needed by its members.

## Do all of the questions in the SIS interview need to be answered?

Yes. All questions must be asked and answered.

## Does the SIS replace the Individual Support Plan (ISP)?

No it does not.



## Who participates in the SIS interview?

- The member.
- The SIS interviewer.
- Between two and six other people the member invites.
- A person from the Division.

Participants must have known the member for at least three months. They must be able to talk about the help a member needs.

## How can a participant prepare for the interview?

A participant should be prepared to stay for two to three hours. Come ready to share your ideas and answer questions.