

Persons with Developmental Disabilities South Alberta Community Board

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**SUPPORTS
INTENSITY
SCALE (SIS)**

What Is the Supports Intensity Scale?

The SIS is a tool that determines what supports a person with a developmental disability will need in the home, community, and workplace to live like other people of the same age.

SIS does not look at the things a person with a developmental disability cannot do, but rather what supports that person needs to be successful. The SIS is to be used as a planning tool and not as a behavioral or functional assessment tool.

The SIS will be used province wide. Effective November 2009, all newly eligible individuals will participate in a SIS interview prior to the onset of funding, and over the next 3 years every person receiving funding from PDD will have participated in a SIS interview.

How does it work?

The SIS will measure the frequency, amount, and type of support needed. The questions are broken down into sections, including

- ◇ **Home Living, Community living, lifelong learning, employment, social activities, and health and safety**
- ◇ **Supplemental protection and advocacy**
- ◇ **Exceptional medical and behavioral needs.**

Each section has a number of questions and the group will decide on the appropriate rating to be recorded.

The SIS Process

Before the Interview

You will be in contact with a SIS assistant who will work with you to arrange an interview time and place. Each person will select 2 to 4 people to bring with them to the interview; this will be their support team. You will be sent a package in the mail to confirm your date and give you some material on the SIS. About a week prior to your interview you will receive a follow up call to discuss any questions or concerns.

At the interview

You and your support team will meet with the interviewer and complete the SIS. It takes 2-4 hours to complete.

After the Interview

A few weeks later, you will receive a letter from PDD detailing your interview and showing you where your greatest needs for support are and also where your success are. You may use this information for planning your future supports.

The SIS Purpose

The use of the Supports Intensity Scale will help to provide individuals and families

- ◇ A consistent measure of "success"
- ◇ A framework transferable from service to service or region to region
- ◇ The ability to direct specific supports
- ◇ Clarity of what supports are needed and where individual resources would be most beneficial

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