What is the mission of Applied Self Direction?
Applied Self Direction promotes self direction so individuals have the choice and control to live the lives they want.

How does Applied Self Direction achieve its mission?
As the Technical Assistance, Training and Membership arm of the National Resource Center for Participant-Directed Services (NRCPDS), Applied Self Direction supports self direction stakeholders. Applied Self Direction provides practical expertise intended to create and operate self direction programs that run effectively and efficiently for individuals, states, managed care entities, Financial Management Services providers, and other stakeholders.

Who is Applied Self Direction?
Applied Self Direction is led by long-time NRCPDS expert Mollie Murphy. Kate Murray, who served as a Senior Policy Analyst for the NRCPDS, and Greg Murphy, who has worked with self-directed programs for over two decades and was member of the original NRCPDS Financial Management Services (FMS) Membership Steering Committee, are on staff. Additional staff will include other experts from the NRCPDS who will transition to Applied Self Direction in the coming months. We also plan to expand the staff of consultants and experts in self direction with whom we work. The NRCPDS is working with Applied Self Direction to create an Advisory Board and we look forward to reporting on our progress in the near future.

Will Applied Self Direction still offer Technical Assistance, Training and Program Membership to states and programs?
Yes. Just as states and programs were assisted through the NRCPDS, Applied Self Direction will provide Technical Assistance, Training and Program Membership to states and programs. Applied Self Direction’s goal is to assist programs with practical implementation of self direction.

Will Applied Self Direction still offer Membership to Financial Management Services (FMS) entities?
Yes. Just as Membership for FMS entities was provided through the NRCPDS, Applied Self Direction will offer Membership to FMS entities with a robust array of benefits designed to strengthen FMS in self direction.

Will the Financial Management Services (FMS) Conference still exist?
Yes and we expect to expand the conference. We are considering expanding the biennial FMS Conference to an annual Self Direction Conference with time dedicated to FMS.

Will Applied Self Direction conduct research?
Most self direction research will continue at Boston College, but often in partnership with Applied Self Direction. Applied Self Direction is staffed and prepared to conduct applied research—research with a practical focus and direct applications to self direction programs—and may work with experts from Boston College and elsewhere in this pursuit.