



**National Resource Center for Participant-Directed Services (NRCPS)
FMS Membership Guiding Principles
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Responsibilities of FMS Members:

- FMS members will embrace the philosophy of participant direction and self-determination
- FMS members will represent the highest ethical standards
- FMS members will educate and be a resource for stakeholders about participant-directed programs
- FMS members will support the expansion and sustainability of participant direction to new and existing programs
- FMS members will identify and develop solutions for common issues faced by all stakeholders to improve service delivery
- FMS members recognize that there are certain core deliverables and best practices for all FMS providers

Responsibilities of the NRCPS:

- The NRCPS will convene the FMS membership in service to its mission to infuse participant-directed options in all home and community-based services
- The NRCPS will support efforts to strengthen the FMS industry, thereby expanding the availability of participant direction
 - The NRCPS is limited from lobbying on behalf of the FMS industry in accordance with their 501(c)(3) status
- The NRCPS will provide education and information to benefit the larger FMS membership
 - The goal is to “raise all ships,” not to individually benefit one provider at the expense of another
- The NRCPS will treat all members equally and not promote one member over another