

Self-Direction

Self-direction provides the opportunity and the funding from NYS OPWDD to purchase your own self-directed services. In self-direction, you choose your own services and supports and can hire your own staff. To enroll in self-direction, you need to be eligible for OPWDD services and have Medicaid waiver and an MSC. OPWDD then allocates you an annual dollar amount you can spend for the year; you must then select a broker, who helps you to develop your plan and budget, and a Fiscal Intermediary, who helps you hire your staff and handles the payroll and administrative duties.

Brokers

For an updated list of brokers, contact Stephenie Rozzell, Community Services Supervisor, OPWDD, at 646-766-3448 or stephenie.x.rozzell@opwdd.ny.gov.

Fiscal Intermediaries

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