

Other Ways to Use Day Funds

People with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) can choose to use their funds in new and different ways to support their participation in community activities!

How people take part in day activities and supports has changed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Many agency supports are limited or have stopped. Below are some examples of how people who used agency day services before COVID, and those that self-direct, can now use their day program funding to support their participation in community activities. To use funds in a new way, you can revise your existing plan. You don't need to do a whole new plan in order to change how you use your funds.

For more information about using your funds differently, speak to your provider agency or fiscal intermediary.

Other Ways to Use Your Funds	Examples	How This May Help You
Buy technology or equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • iPad / tablet • Computer • Ear buds / headphones • Cell phone • Zoom or other video platform 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Increases your access to online social activities ✓ Increases your access to friends and families, reducing feelings of isolation while social distancing
Hire your own staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family member • Neighbor • Trusted friend 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Allows you to have needed support from trusted individuals ✓ Allows you to put supports in place quickly
Add or change a service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respite • Add new employment services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Allows you to put new services in place
Join a community activity/club/group that supports your goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zoo membership • YMCA/gym membership • Fees for an art class • Fees for online class 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Allows you to participate in new activities ✓ Allows you more options for community activities

If you find this information helpful, please share with other people who can use this information.

