

**PERSONAL FOCUS  
DECISION-MAKING  
TIP SHEET**

 These are suggestions of what to consider when completing the “Decision-Making” section of the Personal Focus. Inclusion in the ISP should be based on the unique characteristics, needs and preferences of the person. There is no expectation or requirement that all areas be specifically addressed in the ISP.

1. What decisions the person makes.
2. How the person makes day to day decisions.
3. How the person makes big decisions.
4. Whether or not the person is able to adapt decisions to changes in every day life.
5. The person’s ability to learn from his/her decisions.
6. Any significant history related to decision-making (e.g. major decisions that went well, major decisions that did not go well and the impact those had on the person’s life) if that history has an impact on the person’s present or future life.
7. What decisions are made by others.
8. Conservatorship/legal representative issues.
9. Power of attorney issues.
10. Human rights restrictions approved through an authorized human rights committee.
11. Court ordered restrictions.
12. How the person is supported to make decisions.
13. How options should be presented to the person.
14. Who assists the person in making decisions, if applicable.
15. What decisions they assist with.