

EXAMPLE - Memorandum of Wishes

Our vision for (our family member) is

We have established (our family member)'s Trust to provide a fund to support her to have a full and ordinary life. While the trustees or (our family member)'s Trust have a discretion to distribute income or capital to our other children and grandchildren, the overriding purpose of this Trust is to provide for (our family member)'s future.

We want (our family member)'s Trust to support her to have a full and ordinary life including:

- To live in her own home regardless of her support needs;
- To make a meaningful contribution in the community including work;
- To follow her passions, including travel, shopping, music and going out with friends;
- To be with the people she loves, including those in other places;
- To ensure a high level of health, comfort, safety and mobility; and
- To have opportunities for a spiritual life.

We want (our family member)'s Trust to supplement government or other funding as long as that furthers our vision for (our family member).

We want (our family member)'s support circle to continue throughout her life. If necessary, we want (our family member)'s Trust to support the maintenance of the support circle. This includes training and payment of facilitators and any ongoing costs.

In following our vision for (our family member) we want the trustees of (our family member)'s Trust to consult with and seek the advice of (our family member)'s support circle. We encourage the trustees to be members of her support circle.

***Regarding any support
service in
(our family member)'s life:***

1. What we want

We want (our family member) to have a real home, like her siblings in her local community and near people who care about her.

We want flexible supports in the home of her choice.

We want a focus on the life of (our family member) through learning to understand her situation, vision and plans.

We want a paid supports to assist (our family member) to have a full and ordinary life, with all the ups and downs that an ordinary life entails.

We want the service to follow as (our family member) changes and grows.

We want (our family member), her family and support circle to plan and call on the paid support as needed.

2. What We Don't Want

We do not want (our family member) living in a group situation, where her home is nothing more than a bed in a house or institution.

We do not want her housing to be tied to her support service.

We do not want a service where the one model fits all.

We do not want a service for (our family member) that focuses on "care and control".

We do not want the inevitability of an unchanging service.

We do not want the service to replace or diminish family or support circle involvement.

We want the paid support to acknowledge (our family member) for whom she is and support her through natural opportunities for change and growth.

We do not want a program to “fix” or train (our family member) as a condition for participating in all aspects of her life

We want (our family member) to have a home of her own and a full and ordinary life like her siblings.