

SENSES FOUNDATION (Inc)	
POLICY	
Decision Making and Choice	
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PURPOSE

The purpose of the policy is to define Senses Foundation's position in relation to enabling clients to have the opportunity to participate in making decisions about their daily lives and the services they receive.

RELATED POLICIES

2:S:001 Individual Need and Provision of Service

POLICY STATEMENT

Senses Foundation is committed to ensuring all clients of the service retain maximum control over their own lives by having primary involvement in, and influence over, decisions that affect them. To this end, Senses Foundation will:

- structure its programs and services to be as flexible and responsive to the individuals needs and preferences of the people to who it provides its services;
- assist the client, and the significant other people in a client's life, to make informed decisions
 - by advising the client, and the significant other people in a client's life regarding the full range of services Senses Foundation provides;
 - by providing information about other services / agencies available outside of Senses Foundation that may be in a position to meet the wants and needs of client;
- involve the client, and the significant other people in a client's life, in the development of the client's individual service plans and invite them to state their preferences with respect to the services that they would like to receive;
- make every effort to accommodate the client's service preferences and choices in their individual service plans;
- ensure a legally sanctioned, substitute decision maker is identified for the client, where the client cannot make decisions and no family or significant others are available to participate in decision making.

Approved by resolution of the Board 17th January 2008