

What are Microboards and Cooperatives?



Planning Alternative Tomorrows with Hope (PATH)

Together with trained volunteer PATH guides, their closest friends and family members, individuals identify concrete goals that are positive and possible. Then the group enrolls themselves and others to carry out the concrete action steps needed to move forward.

Supports and services to individuals with disabilities and their families come in all shapes and sizes. Across the country, two new approaches—microboards and cooperatives—are emerging to help individuals exert greater control over their day-to-day lives. At the heart of this growing movement are the principals of self-determination: freedom, authority, support, and responsibility.

The *Illinois Association of Microboards and Cooperatives* is an organization dedicated to making these customized, person-centered approaches available to individuals with developmental disabilities across Illinois. The grassroots effort involves people and their families in three exciting ways: Planning Alternative Tomorrows with Hope (PATH), Microboards, and Cooperatives.

Microboards

A microboard is a small, non-profit organization created to provide natural and/or paid supports and services to a single individual who has a disability.

Cooperatives

A cooperative is a group of individuals who use human services that join together, become incorporated and register with the state to become a certified service provider. As a result, the cooperative members are able to direct and control their support service needs for the benefit of each co-op member.

Join Us!

We are forming microboards and cooperatives across the state! Complete the attached form to get involved.

Information Request Form

Please contact me about:

- Schedule an Information Session
- Schedule an individual PATH
- Schedule an organizational PATH
- Become a PATH Facilitator

Name

Address

City/State

Telephone

E-mail

Return to: Illinois Association of
Microboards and Cooperatives,
104 Woodcreek Ct, Mahomet, IL 61853

Self-Determination

Freedom: The ability of individuals, together with freely chosen family and friends, to plan a life with support rather than purchase a program;

Authority: The ability for a person with a disability (with a social support network if needed) to control a certain sum of dollars in order to purchase those supports;

Support: The arranging of resources and personnel—both formal and informal—that will assist an individual with a disability to live a life rich in community association and contribution;

Responsibility: The acceptance of a community role through competitive employment, organizational affiliations, spiritual development and caring for others as well as accountability for spending public dollars to enhance quality of life.



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For more information on setting up a Microboard, Cooperative or PATH for someone you love, please contact us at the address below.

“Living together
...is an art”

- William Pickens

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