"Individualized Funding" (IF)...

... is funding given to an individual, or their representative, to support disability-related needs.

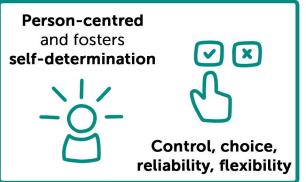
- the **amount** of funding is determined by the individual's specific disability related needs and wants.
- the individual determines how funds are used to meet those needs.

Stainton, 2009

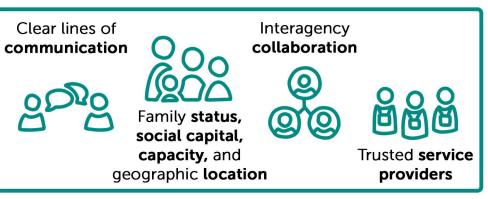


We conducted a **scoping review** of 347 articles on IF, from international literature. In our review, we found...

Benefits



Facilitators



Barriers



Administrative burden



Lack of access to information



Existing inequities



Rural and remote constraints



professional and skilled staff

Siloed systems (e.g., health care, social care)



Age-based **transition periods** (e.g., child to youth, youth to adult, and adult to senior services)



What does this all mean?

- IF can be used in a broad range of ways to support the individual and their support networks
- To work well, IF requires support for: **planning**; recruitment and hiring of **professionals and support workers**; funding and employee **administration**
- IF will not replace all agency services
- IF presents unique challenges & opportunities for rural and remote communities
- IF presents unique challenges & opportunities for Indigenous and other cultural communities
- When done well, IF is cost effective and can support positive outcomes for individuals and their support networks



