

### **Elements of a Valid Respondent Group**

**The respondent group makes all the difference as to whether a complete and accurate picture of an Individual's supports is captured**

- A valid respondent group consists of the Individual and a minimum of 2 respondents who 'know the Individual well'
  - 'Knowing the Individual well' means knowing the Individual for approximately three months and having direct knowledge of the Individual's current, daily support needs
- At least one respondent must be from the Individual's Foster Care Home
- The respondent group should typically not exceed 8 respondents, including:
  - Individual
  - Legal guardian / parent / family member (if applicable)
  - Provider of the foster care home, and/or hired staff
  - Staff from employment services, including a direct care staff
  - CDDP Service Coordinator or Brokerage Personal Agent
  - Behavior specialist
  - Licensed nursing professional
  - Observer, with prior approval from Assessment Specialist