



Who We Are

*Title of Project, Name of Lead Entity, Partner, Counties in Indiana we are impacting.*

Using and Developing Strengths and Advocating for Supports  
Booth & Company, inc  
We serve individuals on the Medicaid Waivers in Northeast Indiana, but the resources we develop can be used throughout the state.

What We Expect if We Achieve our Vision

*Expected short-term and long-term outcomes; and positive impacts on individuals if your project successfully carries out these actions.*

Our short term goal is to develop an effective protocol to identify, develop, and use strengths. The tools will be easy to understand, easy to use, and effective.

We will also develop tools to overcome barriers when they occur.

Our long term goal is that individuals using service from the Indiana Medicaid Waiver will be able to use and develop their strengths in a meaningful way in their day to day life. When barriers occur, they will know how to use tools to overcome their barriers and continue to develop and use their strengths.

What We Will Do

*Specific actions your agency will take to carry out pilot project.*

We will research current methods for identifying strengths being used in Indiana and elsewhere to develop an effective protocol that will work with individuals who utilize the Medicaid Waivers in Indiana.

We will write plain language protocols for identifying, developing, and utilizing strengths.

We will develop a plain language and user friendly protocol for overcoming barriers so individuals can use and develop their strengths.

How We Will Do It

*Plan and implementation*

We will explore current tools and protocols in use in Indiana to identify strengths. We will research tools and protocols in use in other settings to determine the best practices for individuals in Indiana.

We will consult with specialists and review other locations protocols to develop a user friendly, plain language, and effective protocol. We will pilot the protocol with 20 individuals who utilize Indiana Medicaid Waiver services. After incorporating feedback from them, we will pilot the revised protocol with another 20 individuals After incorporating their feedback, the tools will be ready for broad use.

What Will Result

*Long-term goals to transform services and/or better support individuals.*

The materials will be widely distributed to people who use Indiana Medicaid Waiver services, service providers, family members, IDT members, and any other interested parties. We will offer training to anyone who is interested.

By using these tools, individuals will be able to effectively identify their strengths, make a plan to develop and use them, and overcome barriers when they occur.

What We Want to Avoid

*Outcomes that may take away from the vision and will serve as "red flags" to consider course correction.*

Tools that are difficult to understand or use.  
Protocols that identify strengths but don't lead to development and use of the strengths.  
Tools to overcome barriers that are ineffective.

