



## 4 Key Principles Essential for Compliance with the HCBS Final Rule:

### Choices

Choice is the right, power, or opportunity to choose; option.

### Rights

A person's right is that which is morally, legally, or ethically proper.

### Opportunities

An opportunity is a good position, chance, or prospect, as for advancement or success; "a set of circumstances that makes it possible to do something".

### Community Integration

Integration means to give or cause to give equal opportunity and consideration to.

## Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) February Agenda Item

### *Is your Residential Home ready for a Walk-through?*

*If someone were to stop by your home today, is it HCBS compliant?*

Here are some questions to consider: How does it feel when you walk in the home? Does it feel and look like a household where people reside that do not have a disability? Are there binders, folders, sign-in sheets near the entrance of the home? Are the common areas conducive to the individuals who live there? Or does it look like an office space for staff?

The home needs to resemble any home in the community where individuals reside and should reflect individual choices, likes and preferences in how it is set up.



### Residential Settings (Provider Owned or Controlled)

The goal of the HCBS Final Rule is to ensure that each individual has:

- Choice about their roommates
- Privacy in their room, including a lock on their door
- Control of their schedule and activities
- The ability to have visitors of their choosing, at any time
- Freedom to furnish and decorate their room in a personalized way
- A lease or other legal agreement, protecting them from eviction

A great way to determine if a setting is HCBS compliant is to ask "*Is this Good Enough for Me (GEM)?*"

Please discuss this item with your team, and assign a note taker to compile questions, concerns or thoughts about the information above. Please provide to Maribel Garcia at [margarcia@elarc.org](mailto:margarcia@elarc.org) by 03/31/2019. Thank you.