



How do I contact the
Independent Consultant Agency?

**Independent Consultant Agency
business hours are:**

8:00 am – 4:30 pm, Monday – Friday.

**The Independent Consultant Agency
can be reached by:**

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Core Principles of Self-Determination

- ☼ **Freedom** to decide how you want to live your life;
- ☼ **Authority** over a specific budget;
- ☼ **Support** to organize resources in ways that are life enhancing and meaningful to you;
- ☼ **Responsibility** for the wise use of public dollars and recognition of the contribution you make to your community; and
- ☼ **Confirmation** of the important role of self-advocates.

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The IRIS Independent
Consultant Agency...

**Helps You
Get The Life
You Want With The
Support You Need**



You know what is most important to you...

IRIS is an opportunity for you to creatively build the life you want:

- ☼ Develop meaningful relationships
- ☼ Participate in the community
- ☼ Find good jobs
- ☼ Get safe housing
- ☼ Find and keep reliable community services

The IRIS Independent Consultant Agency and its consultants are available to help you accomplish **your** goals **your** way.

What happens if I choose IRIS?

If you decide you want to participate in IRIS, the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) will send the Independent Consultant Agency your name, contact information, and the amount of money you will have available to spend on your supports and services.

The Independent Consultant Agency will contact you to begin the process of choosing an Independent Consultant. This involves talking with a person at the Independent Consultant Agency about where you live, what types of assistance you are interested in, and any preferences you might have. You choose your consultant from a list of consultants who are available in your area.

What are Independent Consultants?

- ☼ Independent Consultants are available in your area to help you create a supports and services plan and help you put that plan into action.
- ☼ Independent Consultants are caring and creative people who value the independence, choice, freedom and responsibility that IRIS provides.
- ☼ Independent Consultants are familiar with community resources and the state's long-term care systems.
- ☼ Some Independent Consultants may be IRIS participants as well.
- ☼ Independent Consultants are available to assist you in doing many different things:
 - Pursue your hopes and dreams
 - Find workers and service providers
 - Get involved in the community
 - Develop a "back-up" plan that will keep you safe
 - Measure how well your supports are working
 - Link you to a support broker if you wish to purchase additional support



...with IRIS you have the choice and freedom to decide how to make those things happen.