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**THE SUPPORTS**  
**INTENSITY SCALE®**

# SIS® - Supports Intensity Scale

- ✓ Created by AAIDD- American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
- ✓ Focuses on supports needed to engage in a wide range of activities as well and as often as others his/her age in the same community.
- ✓ Strengths focused instead of deficit focused
- ✓ Community inclusion instead of segregated settings
- ✓ Completed by certified SIS® assessors who contract with Maximus



# Who Needs a SIS® Assessment?

- ✓ Maximus contracts with TennCare to complete SIS® assessments on a triannual basis
- ✓ All individuals being served in the CAC, Self Determination and Statewide Waiver are required to have a SIS®
- ✓ Individuals receiving residential, day, employment
- ✓ Includes all types of residential services, as well as PA

## Who Does Not Get a SIS®?

- Individuals receiving ISC services only
- Individuals receiving dental/behavioral services only

# Scheduling SIS® Assessments

- ✓ Assessors receive information regarding the individual's providers
- ✓ Assessors will contact the “lead agency” first, followed by conservator, when applicable
- ✓ The assessment is scheduled at a time when all respondents can participate at the same time
- ✓ Please ALWAYS inform the person calling to schedule, if the individual has a conservator involved.
- ✓ ISCs may be contacted to assist in determining current providers, if an individual has transitioned and cannot be located

# SIS<sup>®</sup> Participants

- ❑ AAIDD has established specific criteria as to who qualifies as a SIS respondent
- ❑ The person must:
  - ✓ Know the individual being assessed for at least 3 months
  - ✓ Be able to speak knowledgeably about support needs across a variety of everyday settings
- ❑ Maximus must have 3 valid respondents to conduct the SIS assessment. It can be completed with TWO at minimum.
- ❑ The individual does not have to participate in the SIS, although participation is highly encouraged. The assessor **MUST** meet the individual prior to completing the assessment, in order for it to be valid.

## Required participants include:

- Conservator- participation can be declined, but they are always invited to participate
- Residential provider, or whoever the person lives with (including family members)
- Day provider
- PA provider

# Need More Information?

- ✓ For information on getting a SIS® report contact the TN SIS HelpDesk: 866.968.6747
- ✓ For specific questions about the SIS® or additional SIS® training please contact:

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