Items you can do before the interview:

- Prepare a job description indicating to the provider your needs and desires for this service.
- Prepare interview questions which work best for you.
- Look at resources on dfmc-florida.org including the Empowering Families Course and the My Personal Compass.

Staff Questions:

- How long have you been providing services?
- How long do staff usually work for you?
- How will I select my staff and back-up staff?
- How flexible are you on times & dates as my needs change?
- What happens if someone is a no show or is running late?
- When are you available to start working for me?
- If you decide to stop working for me, how will you let me know and will there be plenty of advance notice given to me?
- How do you know staff is doing their job?

- May I see proof the staff has been background screened?
- How are staffs expected to dress when they are with me?
- What training do you provide to staff?
- Do you have any references I can contact?
- Why are you interested in this position?

Support Planning Questions:

- How will you ask about my goals?
- My goal is to _____. How will you support me in this goal?
- How will you know staff are supporting my goals?
- If I want to change my goals, how would you support this?
- What documentation will staff keep about me?
- How will we discuss progress I am making on my goals?

Rights Questions:

How is this documentation kept on me protected?

- How can I see what is written about me?
- How will you and your staff respect my rights?
- How will you and your staff support my privacy?
- What if I would like to do an additional activity not on my plan?
- How will you keep me fully informed and involved?

Satisfaction Questions:

- If I have a problem, who can I contact and how?
- How will you check on my satisfaction with staff and services?
- How will you follow up on problems I may have?
- As a provider, do you have any expectations from me?

Post interview observations:

- Did the provider listen to you?
- Did the provider meet your expectations for activities, times, and dates of service?
- Did the provider seem flexible?

Questions to evaluate services: After hiring, here are some examples of areas you can think about to see if the provider is meeting your needs and expectations.

- Does the provider arrive on time ?
- Does the provider include me in on all decisions?
- Does the provider know how to use my equipment safely?
- Does the provider knock on my door before coming in?
- Does the provider yell at me?
- Does the provider ask if my expectations or needs have changed?
- Does the provider ask if they are meeting my needs?
- Does the provider run their own errands or see their own friends/family when with me?
- Does the provider use my personal money?
- Does the provider use my items without permission?