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CUISR research report points to the need for Individualized Funding in Saskatchewan

The Saskatchewan Association for Community Living (SACL) applauds the recommendations from a recent research report on the topic of Individualized Funding for people with intellectual disabilities.

The Community University Institute on Social Research (CUISR) released a report on Tuesday that outlines the development of Individualized Funding (IF) as a viable, cost effective funding option for people with intellectual disabilities and their families in Saskatchewan.

The CUISR report points to outcomes of increased opportunity and choice, and improved quality of life for people with disabilities when Individualized Funding and Individually Funded Services are options, when compared to traditional block funded spaces. The report recommends applying best practices from other jurisdictions in Canada and around the world, and developing a responsive Individualized Funding program for people with intellectual disabilities in Saskatchewan.

“This report shows how far behind Saskatchewan is in its philosophy. It’s time for Saskatchewan to offer Individualized Funding as an option for supporting people with intellectual disabilities,” says Laurie Larson, President of SACL. “When you read the CUISR report, it is evident that Individualized Funding has been around for 30 years in Canada and the benefits are obvious. Individualized Funding puts the control over supports into the hands of people with intellectual disabilities and their families, so that they can make their own choices about how they live and who they want for staff.”

Faith Bodnar, Executive Director of SACL agrees. “Individualized Funding is based on a human rights approach to services, ensuring that supports are built on the needs and desires of the individual and accountable to that person and their family. We are excited that this report, the first of its kind in Saskatchewan, maps out a way forward to create Individualized Funding as an option in our province. As an organization, SACL stands behind this report and encourages the Government of Saskatchewan to implement CUISR’s recommendations.

The CUISR report is available at: <http://www.usask.ca/cuisr/publications/publications.html#economic>

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Saskatchewan Association for Community Living: Mission Statement

Through advocacy, education and community-building, we work to create a world where all people with intellectual disabilities are full citizens.

Helping communities to welcome people with intellectual disabilities