

Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services

Webcast for Individuals and Families on Developmental Services Reform

MCCSS Updates

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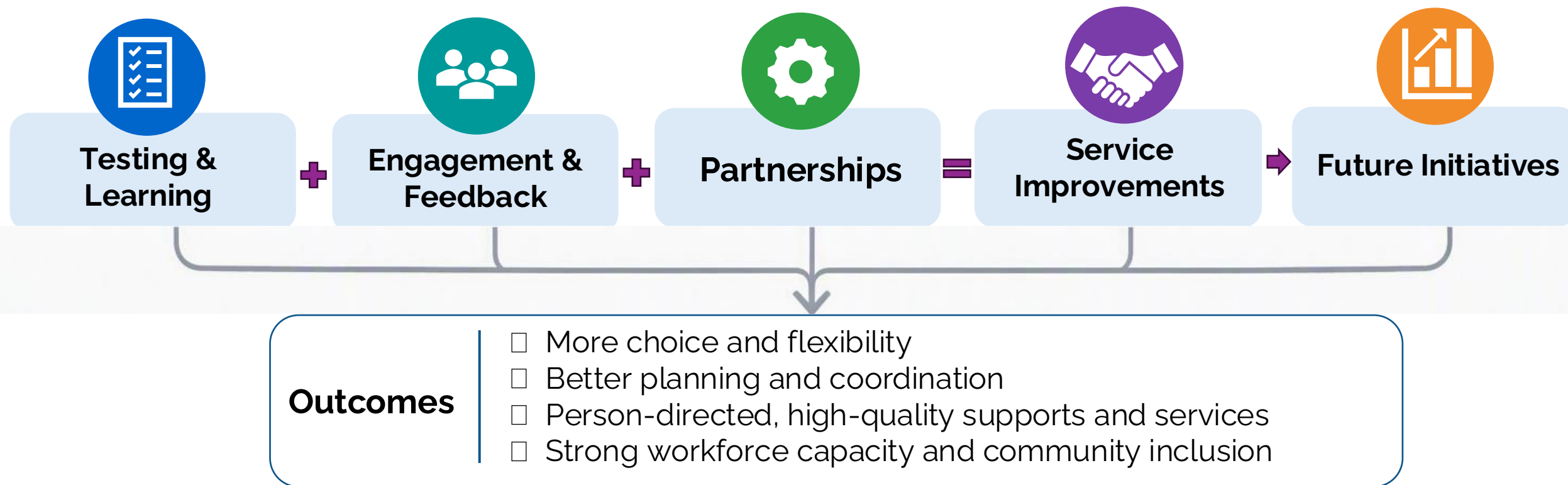
Vision

- People with developmental disabilities are supported by their communities, support networks and government to belong and live inclusive lives.
- People are empowered to make choices and live as independently as possible through supports that are person-directed, equitable and sustainable.



How We Are Advancing DS Reform

Building on the shared vision and principles of J2B, DS reform is being advanced through a thoughtful and targeted approach, with a range of initiatives that are underway.



No single initiative will complete reform.

Progress is achieved through a series of connected initiatives that collectively advance DS reform over time.

Funding Updates

Key developmental services investments in 2026-27 include:

\$3.9B

Total investment in developmental services in 2026-27.

\$220M

Total investment to expand supportive living services, enhance the Passport program, and help agencies continue delivering vital services.



Passport Update: Individuals receiving Passport funding are now receiving an increase to help address rising costs. Passport agencies have been in contact with recipients with their updated annual funding amounts.

MyDS

A new secure online portal for individuals and their families to access and manage their information, apply for services, view service progress and exchange documents with their area Developmental Services Ontario (DSO).

What will it include?



Secure Login



Apply for developmental services



Document Management

& e-signatures



Client dashboard & Visual Journey Map



Resource Hub

How MyDS Portal Supports You

- ✓ Easy access to information
- ✓ Greater independence through self-serve tools
- ✓ Clear visibility into your service journey and next steps
- ✓ Navigate supports with confidence using a centralized resource hub

Needs-Based Model

The Ministry is working on a new way to inform how resources and supports are allocated based on an individual's assessed support needs.



This Needs-Based model would mean:

- A shift towards a more **person-centered** system
- A more fair approach - people with similar needs get similar amounts of resources
- People have greater **self-direction**

How the Needs-Based model is being developed:



Research and Analysis

Learning about:

- Assessment data
- Cost of services
- What other places and programs have done



Talking and Listening to People

- Engagement with DS sector experts
- Engagement with individuals and families, agencies and associations
- Continuing to learn and make changes

Improving Quality and Accountability

Initiative	DS Reform Commitment
DS Workforce Initiatives Task Groups	• Introducing a performance measurement approach and a service quality framework • Collaborate with sector to develop a long-term workforce strategy

Putting People First

Initiatives	DS Reform Commitment
Microboards Pilot Project	• A person-centred funding approach to enable more choice and flexibility • Support people to pursue their goals through better planning and coordination
Interministerial Collaboration	• Support people to pursue their goals through better planning and coordination • Work across government and with sector partners to address barriers
Sector Capacity Building	• Work across government and with sector partners to address barriers