

Supported Living – Access to Money

Because people with disabilities have historically been separated from their communities to receive services that are “attached” to property, they have had little control over their finances. Therefore, direct support professionals must help the person manage their money. Informed decision-making practices should be used to support a person with disabilities in managing their money. In many cases, financial institutions will provide support to a person with disabilities in managing their checkbook so that the person deposits their money at that financial institution.

The North Carolina Council on Developmental Disabilities (NCCDD) previously funded an initiative called [Upward to Financial Stability](#). This initiative is designed to provide education and training to spread financial awareness and conduct financial literacy training to individuals and families to raise expectations for people with disabilities. This initiative has developed a web-based resources through the [National Disability Institute](#).