



## Important message from our CEO

### New Jersey Comprehensive Assessment Tool

As we approach the rollout of DDD's Medicaid Fee for Service system, it is **CRITICAL** that each individual, their caregiver, their Supports team, including Abilities staff, understands the importance of the **NJ CAT** (Comprehensive Assessment Tool). The **NJ CAT** is used to determine the appropriate level of service, and corresponding budget, to be provided to the individual receiving or seeking services through DDD. With the results of this tool:

- An individual will be assigned a "**TIER**" rating from levels **A through E**.
- **Tier A** reflects the least amount of supports required, while **Tier E** reflects the highest level of support. Acuity levels may also be attached to the tier, if clinical services are needed.
- The assigned tier also corresponds to an annual budget for services.
- In the very near future every individual in the DDD system of services will be evaluated via the **NJ CAT**.
- During this assessment period, and at each ISP team meeting, ***we ask that you include our Abilities staff in the process***, to ensure that critical input is provided concerning service needs. At the very least, we ask that responses provided to the assessment are true to form to ensure every individual receives the appropriate supports needed to see success in their life goals.

If you have any questions regarding the NJ CAT or Tier rating, please contact Michelle Savino, Director of Program Services at 908-689-1118 x19 or [msavino@abilitiesnw.com](mailto:msavino@abilitiesnw.com).



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