All individuals with developmental disabilities will have the freedom, responsibility, authority, and support to live self-determined lives.

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