

Renaissance Groups philosophy to support is about enabling disabled people to live in their own home and to actively engage with their communities, and be supported at a time and in manner that they choose. We do not deliver supports to a defined model. A model suggests that the same processes will fit all people. Both Supported Living and Choice in Community Living considers the underlying principles listed below and interpret these into each person's situation. This means that the way support is delivered is always negotiated, and never prescribed.

Below are the 6 key principles of service delivery adopted by Renaissance Group:

- 1. Ownership** – Supported living typically does not involve living arrangements owned/leased by a service provider.
- 2. Inclusiveness** – People should not be excluded from supported living on the basis of the nature or perceived severity of their disability.
- 3. Individualised & flexible support** – Support services must focus exclusively on the individual within and across any chosen community environment. The services/supports that a person receives should change as his/her needs change.
- 4. An emphasis on human relationship** – People's family/whanau, their friends, and their community are the starting point in designing services and supports for the person.
- 5. Choice** – Individuals should be able to exercise choice over where and with whom they live and take a central role in deciding on types of services and supports.
- 6. Building a Good Life** – The focus of support is long-term quality of life and services need to be committed to the ongoing pursuit of autonomy and long-term, personal fulfillment towards a good life.