What are people saying about the *Supports Intensity Scale*?

"For those of us who work tirelessly for self-determination and the full inclusion of citizens with developmental disabilities in community life--our ship has arrived. The *Supports Intensity Scale* (SIS) is an assessment tool of great value and gives those of us who work to include persons in community life what we have needed for a long time--an assessment that helps us determine the frequency, amount, and type of supports necessary to help someone succeed in the real life of their community. This is the first assessment that doesn't fix blame and find what is wrong within the person. Instead, SIS helps us determine the supports necessary for someone to succeed."

Stephen Hall, Executive Director, The Resource Exchange Community-Centered Board, Colorado

"Our experience with the *Supports Intensity Scale* has been very positive in that it does not measure a person's deficits but the kind and intensity of supports needed for a person to participate more fully in the life of the community. Although New Horizons has been using this tool for only a few months with people being introduced to our agency, we have found it user-friendly and comprehensive. The SIS provides an easy-to-read and clear set of expectations for those involved with providing supports."

Regis Obijiski, Executive Director, New Horizons Resources, Inc., New York

"The *Supports Intensity Scale* is one of the most significant tools to come along in my entire 35 years of service in the disability field, and I cannot say enough about the critical need for such an instrument in determining service needs, setting rates, and supporting the planning process for persons with developmental disabilities."

Ron Wisecarver, President/CEO, Peoria ARC, Illinois

"The *Supports Intensity Scale* is an extension of AAMR's groundbreaking work in the definition and classification of mental retardation. It is an important new tool for person-centered planners and public officials committed to creating the most appropriate mix of social, health behavioral and other supports necessary for maximum inclusion and participation."

Valerie Bradley, President, Human Services Research Institute, Massachusetts