



HUMAN SERVICE COOPERATIVE (HSC®)

Fact Sheet

Company: Recognized by the Federated HSC®, HSC certified companies are directed by individuals and families who use disability (human) services to provide supports that benefit its membership. An HSC certified company is a new form of provider delivering services based on the policy direction of member owners.

Perspective: A mother pursues new alternative therapies for her little girl who was recently diagnosed with autism.

A husband was left paralyzed after a car accident and is ready to move forward with a renewed independence and determination.

A capable and eager man with a mental health diagnosis just turned 25 and is looking for an apartment so he can move out of his parent's home and start an independent life.

Description
The 3 Tiers: For years people with disabilities have been fighting for more control, more opportunities, and more inclusion. Human Service Cooperatives provide a new Self-Directed alternative that offers a mother, husband, and self-advocate a means to achieve greater control over their lives.

First Tier:

HSC companies are vendors of the state and qualified to provide human services to people with disabilities. Members, who qualify for social security or have private funding, can use services offered by an HSC company while providing leadership and direction.

Directed by its membership, HSC companies bring together people with disabilities to build their future, direct their services, and lead a self-determined and self-directed life. HSC companies establish community partnerships, share existing resources, and strengthen advocacy.

Second Tier:

While ensuring quality and self-determination for people with disabilities, the Federated HSC provides technical assistance including development of HSC certified organizations. The Federated HSC also provides national networking, and professional consultation and resources.

Third Tier:

The HSC Educational Foundation is a 501c3 non profit allowing tax deductible donations that are used to build and enhance educational and outreach efforts while improving the quality of life experienced by people who rely on human services. For tax deductible donations please contact us at infor@federatedhsc.coop , 602-404-7334, or Sara Wilson at sara@federatedhsc.coop

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Framework: The Human Service Cooperative concept is structured around the seven general principles of cooperatives put forth by the International Cooperative Alliance (ICA). Based on values of self-help, self-responsibility and individual equality, cooperatives thrive in environments that promote honesty, openness, social responsibility and care for others. The principles include:

- **Voluntary and open membership**
- **Democratic control**
- **Member economic participation**
- **Autonomy and independence**
- **Education, training and information**
- **Cooperation among cooperatives**
- **Concern for community**

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AZA United, HSC – Maricopa County, Arizona
Inspire, HSC – Maricopa County, Arizona
Freedom, HSC – Tennessee

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