

Participant Choice, Participant Empowerment

A PANEL DISCUSSION ON THE VIABILITY OF SELF-DIRECTED
PROGRAMMING

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Discussion Questions

- What are participant choice and participant empowerment?

Empowerment Defined

Merriam Webster

1. : the act or action of empowering someone or something : the granting of the power, right, or authority to perform various acts or duties
2. : the state of being empowered to do something : the power, right, or authority to do something

Dictionary.com

1. to give power or authority to; authorize, especially by legal or official means:
2. to enable or permit:

Cambridge Dictionary

1. the process of gaining freedom and power to do what you want or to control what happens to you:

Oxford

1. Authority or power given to someone to do something.
2. The process of becoming stronger and more confident, especially in controlling one's life and claiming one's rights.

Collins

1. The empowerment of a person or group of people is the process of giving them power and status in a particular situation.
2. the giving or delegation of power or authority; authorization
3. the giving of an ability; enablement or permission
4. (in South Africa) a policy of providing special opportunities in employment, training, etc for Black people and others disadvantaged under apartheid

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1. A management practice of sharing information, rewards, and power with employees so that they can take initiative and make decisions to solve problems and improve service and performance.
2. Empowerment is based on the idea that giving employees skills, resources, authority, opportunity, motivation, as well holding them responsible and accountable for outcomes of their actions, will contribute to their competence and satisfaction.

Choice Defined

Merriam-Webster

1. the act of choosing
2. power of choosing
3. the best part
—a person or thing chosen
4. a number and variety to choose among
5. care in selecting

—of choice : to be preferred

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1. an act or instance of choosing; selection:
2. the right, power, or opportunity to choose; option:
3. the person or thing chosen or eligible to be chosen:
4. an alternative:
5. an abundance or variety from which to choose:
6. something that is preferred or preferable to others; the best part of something:
7. a carefully selected supply:

Cambridge Dictionary

1. an act of choosing; a decision:
2. the right to choose, or the possibility of choosing:
3. a range of different things you can choose:

Oxford Dictionary

1. An act of choosing between two or more possibilities.
2. The right or ability to choose.
3. A range of possibilities from which one or more may be chosen.
4. Of one's own accord.

Collins Dictionary

1. If there is a choice of things, there are several of them and you can choose the one you want.
2. Your choice is someone or something that you choose from a range of things.

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1. a thing which is chosen
2. a range of items to choose from

Discussion Questions

- What are participant choice and participant empowerment?
- What are the systemic barriers that prevent choice in Housing First programs?
- Do the politics of personal choice encourage or discourage service engagement?