



# Quality Enhancement in Developmental Disabilities

CHALLENGES  
AND OPPORTUNITIES  
IN A CHANGING WORLD

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**“Ask Me!<sup>sm</sup>”:  
A Survey on Quality of Life  
Designed by and for  
People with Developmental Disabilities.**

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The state of Maryland is home to a unique and valuable approach to quality enhancement for services for people with developmental disabilities. Known as the Ask Me!<sup>SM</sup> project, this effort consists of face-to-face interviews conducted by individuals who themselves have developmental disabilities. These interviews assess the quality of life of consumers who receive publicly provided services and supports. The project serves multiple purposes, enhancing both system functioning and individual empowerment. The chapter describes the interview process and presents summary finding on consumers’ quality of life.