

# Living Independent in Good Health — Constructing the Taiwan Health Blueprint for Adults with Disabilities Based on the Experiences of WHO European Centre for Health Policy

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## Abstract

One of the most difficult transitions among people with disabilities and their family face is the period of adulthood. The adulthood involves many difficulties such as major adjustments for daily living, employment, interpersonal relationship and leisure opportunities. World Health Organization European Centre for Health Policy (ECHP) provides timely information on health policy developments for general population in European countries. The aim of the present paper is to construct the health policy for adults with disabilities in Taiwan based on the philosophy of ECHP. We also adopt primary, secondary and tertiary public health system approach to integrate healthcare system to initiate the health policy for adults for disability in Taiwan.

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