

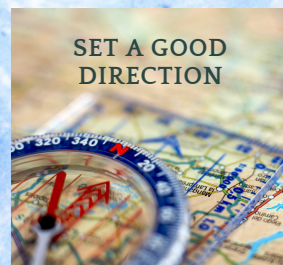
The Star Raft Project

- Gather Your Circle
- Set a Good Direction
- Take the Helm
- And Stay the Course



The nonprofit Star Raft Project works in partnership with people who live with disabilities and their families, community partners, and allied professionals to learn a complete set of tools for building vibrant, enduring circles of connection, companionship and opportunity, one small step at a time.

- Star Raft circles begin to answer every family's 3:00 AM question, "Who is going to be here to care about our loved one after we're gone?"
- They systematically identify and create access to workplaces, learning places and associations in which one's community partners have 'standing' and influence.
- The circles help families, friends and providers shift from 'activity programming' to a pattern of 'following the thread' of a person's gifts and interests in the direction of companionship, connection and meaningful contribution.
- They create and honor agreements that keep everyone safe in the work they are doing together. They ensure continuity by adding new members to the circle, and they have a number of tools to keep their circles strong, especially in challenging times.



The Project offers six free hours of in-depth circle-building training on Zoom. It's a four-part series held on the first four Wednesdays of each month at 2:00 PM Eastern Time, 1:00 PM Central, 12:00 PM Mountain, and 11:00 AM Pacific Time. All participants have permanent access to a free web-based library of videos and print materials.