

In the Company of Others:  
Nurturing Natural Supports

# Core Principles

- Relationships are the key to a good life
- Everybody benefits
- No disability or challenge precludes relationships
- It takes effort, focus and perseverance

# David





*A faithful friend  
is the medicine of life.*

- Health
- Employment and academic success
- Safety
- Problem solving and creativity
  - Diversity of resources and information
  - Collective intelligence and energy
- Resilience
- Presence



# Key to a Good Life

# Everybody Benefits

- Care providers
- Network members
- Family members
- The person at the centre

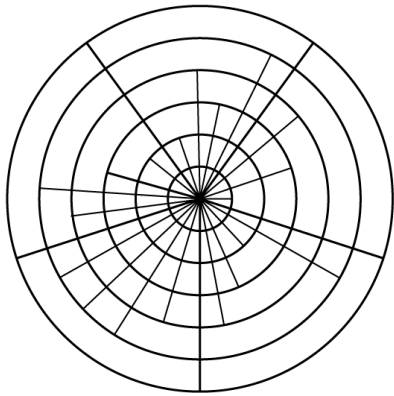




# CREATING PERSONAL NETWORKS







- Distinct form of social network
- Intentional community of social ties that link people to one another to create a web of support

What is a personal network?



- Weaving
- Facilitating
- Coordinating
- Monitoring and evaluating

## Connector Tasks

It's about hospitality







# And Strategy



# Stages of a Personal Network

1. Exploration
2. Development
3. Maintenance

# Interests & Attributes are Key Connectors









# Networks Take Time to Build







*What we have loved, others will love and  
we will show them how.*

William Wordsworth





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PERSONAL NETWORKS

Care | Connect | Contribute



Tyze creates  
personal, private,  
secure, online  
networks.



# Features

Connect with everyone using group, community & private messages.

Create task list to share the care.

Upload resources for everyone, or put private information in the vault.

Schedule appointments or social events in the shared calendar.

Celebrate and share through stories & photos.

The screenshot displays the Tyze website interface, which is a platform for caregivers. The top navigation bar includes links for Connect, Calendar, Contribute, Stories & Photos, Shared Files, Vault, and My Networks. A red 'FAQ' button is located in the top right corner. The main content area is divided into several sections:

- Connect:** A section titled 'You have 1 unread message.' with a brief overview of the network. Below this is a 'Network Message | Reflections' post by Ali Hassan, dated 15 days ago, discussing the meaningfulness of being part of a network. It includes a 'Replies (3) | Read More' link.
- Goal | Take Ken to A Seahawks Football Game:** A section featuring a post by Matthew Lorrick, dated 15 days ago, about taking a pet named Ken to a game. Below the post is a 'Related Tasks' list: 'Create an Game Event in the Calendar' and 'Arrange Transportation'.
- Upcoming Events:** A section listing events such as 'Pack a Picnic Lunch' (September 26, 2010 - 6:00am), 'Arrange Transportation' (September 23, 2010 (All day)), and 'Aquarium Trip' (September 25, 2010 - 8:00am).
- Help:** A section with links for 'Send Network Message', 'Urgent Message', and 'Private Message'.
- Add:** A section with links for 'Event', 'Goal', 'Task', 'Story', 'Shared File', and 'Vault File'.
- Left Sidebar:** A vertical list of network administrators: Jill Samuel, Maureen Samuel, Tyze Tour Guide, Arthur Godderick, Kimberley Deacon, and Logan Sykes.
- Right Sidebar:** A 'Welcome Joan!' message with links for 'My Profile', 'Private Messages (1)', 'Administer Network', 'Invite New Member', and 'Logout'.

Red lines connect the feature callouts at the top to their corresponding elements on the website interface.



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