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
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
Tyze creates personal, private, secure, online networks.
I was reflecting today how meaningful it's been for me to be a member of Kim's network. Being with you all on this journey has been amazing and inspiring.

Kim really wants to take Ken to a Seahawk's game and I say we help her make it happen! Who's in?
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