



Navigating the DD system

Referral and Eligibility



When to Contact Your Local County Board.

- ▶ If your child is diagnosed with a developmental disability.
- ▶ If you are moving to a new community and are receiving services, and want to continue receiving services once you move.
- ▶ If additional support is needed to achieve your child's goals.



Who Can Make a Referral

- Doctor
- Hospital
- Mental Health Agencies
- Child Focus
- School
- Family
- Individual

Anyone can make a referral to Brown County Board of DD.



ORC 5126.01- Developmental Disability

- ▶ Developmental Disability is attributable to a mental or physical impairment or a combination of mental and physical impairments, other than a mental or physical impairment solely caused by mental illness.
- ▶ Manifested before age 22
- ▶ It is likely to continue indefinitely
- ▶ It results in one of the following:
 - ▶ A person under age 3, at least one developmental delay.
 - ▶ A person at least 3, but under age 6 at least two developmental delays.
 - ▶ A person at least 6 or older, a substantial functional limitation in at least three major life activities.



What Happens Next

- ▶ **Ages 6+:** Standard assessment tools are used to measure an individual's current functional abilities in life activity areas – mobility, self-care, self-direction, capacity for independent living, learning, and receptive and expressive language skills – for ages 16 and older, the tool also measures economic self-sufficiency. To be eligible for services, an individual must show substantial functional limitations in at least three of these areas. The tools used are the Children's Ohio Eligibility Determination Instrument (COEDI) for children ages 6-15, and the Ohio Eligibility Determination Instrument (OEDI) for individuals ages 16 and older.
- ▶ The Service and Support Administrator will complete the assessment on the person once the referral is made and diagnosis has been verified.




What do I bring to the appointment.

- ▶ The person that needs to be assessed.
- ▶ Current (within 1 year) diagnosis information signed by a physician **Not a Nurse practitioner.**
 - ▶ The diagnosis information can be sent prior to the appointment.




What happens next.....

- ▶ Once the assessment has been completed and the diagnosis verified the assessment will be scored to determine if the person had 3 limitations.
 - ▶ The person will receive a letter in the mail stating if they are eligible or not eligible for County Board services.
 - ▶ If the person was eligible then the County Board will schedule an Intake meeting to discuss services.
 - ▶ If the person was determined to be not eligible they have the right to appeal the decision and the person will receive a copy of the resolution of complaint process.
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County Board Services

- ▶ Service and Support Administrator
 - ▶ Family Support Services
 - ▶ Supported Living
 - ▶ Waivers
 - ▶ Employment First
 - ▶ Adult Day Services
 - ▶ Early Intervention
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Service and Support Administrator (SSA)

- ▶ Case management is a process to link individuals and families to needed services and supports provided by local county boards of DODD. It may include any or all of the following supports:
- ▶ Eligibility determination and assessment
- ▶ Individual Service Plan development and revision
- ▶ Assistance in provider selection and accessing services
- ▶ Coordination and monitoring of services
- ▶ Crisis intervention



Family Support Services



- This program assists a family who keeps at home a family member with a developmental disability, promotes the unity of the family by assisting it to meet the special needs of the individual who has a developmental disability, and assists the individual to maximize self sufficiency.
- Some of the reimbursable services are respite, adaptive equipment, counseling and training, special diets, and home modifications.
- \$1500.00 per year for 1 child in the home. If there is a 2nd child with a disability that child would be eligible for \$750.00 per year.



Supported Living

- ▶ A program which provides supports to persons who have mental retardation or other developmental disabilities so they may live as independently as possible in their own communities.
- ▶ Drop in services that do need exceed more than \$3000.00 per year.
 - ▶ Example: Doctor appointments, grocery store, etc.



Waivers



- ▶ IO – Ohio Developmental Disability Profile (ODDP) is completed to determine range of services.
- ▶ Level I – \$5325.00 of services
- ▶ Self – \$25,000 of services for a child and \$40,000 for an adult.
- ▶ Must be eligible for Medicaid to have a waiver.
- ▶ If anyone is interested in more information I would be happy to do a training on waivers only.



Community Employment

- ▶ Community employment is integrated, competitive employment where individuals with developmental disabilities work alongside people who do not have disabilities. Whether it is in a job working for others in the community or through self-employment; community employment offers greater independence and personal empowerment. Employment First enhances lives by creating greater opportunities for all people to advance their careers.



Adult Day Services

- ▶ Adult Day Supports are provided in a non-residential setting that enhance skills, community membership and independence, and personal choice in order to attain or maintain maximum potential.



Early Intervention

- ▶ E.I. includes service and supports to infants and toddlers, ages 0-2, who have a developmental delay or disability, and their families.



Questions





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