
DEVELOPMENTAL

The mission of the Developmental Disabilities Administration is to provide leadership to assure the full participation of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families in all aspects of community life and to promote their empowerment to access quality supports and services necessary to foster personal growth, independence and productivity.

DDA is committed to enabling all individuals with developmental disabilities to exercise the four principles of self-determination:

FREEDOM to make choices

AUTHORITY over services and supports

RESPONSIBILITY for organizing resources

SUPPORTS necessary to live in the community.

A regional model is utilized to ensure the most efficient delivery of services. The Regional Offices are responsible for facilitating the delivery of services to individuals residing in the state residential centers, various counties and/or cities located in each region.

- **Services are obtained** by contacting one of the regional offices of the DDA. These services are not an entitlement. Individuals must apply for and be determined eligible for DDA services. If an individual is determined to be eligible for services from the DDA, the individual will be placed in one of the following service priority categories, which are listed in the order of priority in which applications shall receive services: Category I - Crisis Resolution, Category II - Crisis Prevention or Category III-Current Request. Initiation of services shall be dependent upon the availability and allocation of funds provided to the DDA.*

Criteria set forth in Health-General Article, Title 7-Developmental Disabilities Law.

DISABILITIES

CENTRAL MARYLAND REGIONAL OFFICE

1401 Severn Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21230
410-234-8200
1-877-874-2494
1-800-735-2258 (TDD)

Anne Arundel County
Baltimore County
Baltimore City
Harford County
Howard County
Rosewood Center

EASTERN SHORE REGIONAL OFFICE

1500 Riverside Drive
Salisbury, Maryland 21802
410-334-6920
1-888-219-0478
1-800-735-2258 (TDD)

Caroline County
Cecil County
Dorchester County
Kent County
Queen Anne's County
Somerset County
Talbot County
Worcester County
Wicomico County
Holly Center

ADMINISTRATION

SOUTHERN MARYLAND REGIONAL OFFICE

312 Marshall Ave., Ste. 700
Laurel, Maryland 20707
301-362-5100
1-888-207-2479
301-362-5131 (TDD)

Calvert County
Charles County
Montgomery County
Prince Georges County
St. Mary's County

WESTERN MARYLAND REGIONAL OFFICE

1360 Marshall Street
Hagerstown, Maryland 21740
301-791-4670
1-888-791-0193
301-791-4019 (FAX)

Allegany County
Carroll County
Frederick County
Garrett County
Washington County
Potomac Center
Brandenburg Center

"The Developmental Disabilities Administration does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services."

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Eligibility is based on definitions found in Maryland State law, Health-General Article, Title 7, Developmental Disabilities Law. These services are not entitlement service. Individuals must apply and be determined eligible for DDA services. Individuals are eligible for services if they:

1. Have a developmental disability
or
2. Have a severe, chronic disability caused by a physical or mental condition, other than a sole diagnosis of mental illness.

An individual has a developmental disability if they have a severe chronic disability caused by a “physical or mental condition” other than a sole diagnosis of mental illness that is manifested before the age of 22, that is likely to continue indefinitely and as a result the individual cannot live independently without continuing assistance and the need for services that are individually planned and coordinated.

An individual who does not meet the definition of an individual with a developmental disability may be eligible for “Individual Support Services”. The individual must have a “severe, chronic disability”, which is caused by a physical or mental condition other than a sole diagnosis of mental illness and is likely to continue indefinitely.

An individual’s eligibility for services provided by any other public or private agency is not affected by the individual’s eligibility for DDA Services.

TYPES OF SERVICES

FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES are designed to help families stay together. Families with children with developmental disabilities typically experience emotional, physical and financial demands because the care and attention their children require tends to be intensive and indefinite. Family Support Services are flexible and responsive to what the family needs, when they need it.

RESIDENTIAL SERVICES are designed to provide a variety of supports to adults with disabilities in their living situation. People may be supported in their homes, with their family, or in a home owned by an agency that provides residential services. Some people live alone and other people choose to live with other people to share expenses and/or companionship.

INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT SERVICES are available to assist adults who are living in their own homes or with their families. Individual supports are often similar to day or residential supports but are usually less intensive. Some people only need limited assistance with paying for a piece of specialized equipment or a few hours of ongoing supports each week to help with shopping, budgeting, personal hygiene or other kinds of services to assist them with living in the community.

DAY SERVICES are designed to assist people with developmental disabilities to find meaningful ways to spend their time. This may mean assisting individuals with finding employment to match their skills and abilities; providing assistance exploring volunteer opportunities, joining clubs or social groups, attending classes; providing assistance finding retirement activities, and other activities in their communities which match their interests.

RESOURCE COORDINATION is provided to assist families and individuals with locating and obtaining services to meet their needs and interests.

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