

Services

To achieve the goal of maximizing each individual's independence in the community, the Bureau of Developmental Disabilities Services may propose many different kinds of services. For example, some people need assistance over a long period of time, while others may only require short-term help. Another factor is the individual's living arrangement. Someone who lives with his or her family, or a foster family, may receive different types of service than one who lives with a roommate, or another who lives alone. Regardless of these factors, the Bureau will help each individual get the services appropriate for his or her needs. These services may include help with daily living needs, training, or other special help depending on each unique case.

Some individuals will require more intensive care that can best be given in a more structured setting such as Supervised Group Living (Group Home).

For Further Info:

Contact the field office nearest you and visit the Bureau of Developmental Disabilities Services Web Site at:

<http://www.in.gov/dsaa/ddrs/2639.htm>

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Purpose

The Bureau of Developmental Disabilities Services helps eligible individuals receive the community support and residential services that are needed to succeed. The Bureau uses a person-centered plan to help determine what types of service are necessary, and who can best provide these services. It is also the purpose of the Bureau of Developmental Disabilities Services to assure the quality of services provided.

The Bureau of Developmental Disabilities Services is a part of the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration's Division of Disability and Rehabilitative Services.

Process

Application

Contact your local BDDS Office to request an application packet. This packet can be requested by the individual or his/her legal guardian. Complete and return the packet and all requested documents to your local office. Once the application is returned, an Intake Specialist from your local BDDS office will contact you to complete the assessment for preliminary Level of Care (LOC), using the information and documents you provide. This part of the process will include the individual and legal

guardian meeting with an Intake Specialist to complete an interview.

After the application process is complete and LOC is determined, you will be placed on the waiting list for the Family Supports Waiver. It is vital that you contact your local office immediately if there are any changes in address or telephone number.

Planning and Service Provision

To develop a person-centered plan, the capabilities and needs of the individual must be considered. Staff will then present options, from which the individual (or legal guardian) can choose the services and providers that best meet his or her needs. The provision of services is based on the availability of funding and waiting lists may exist for some services.

Monitoring

The Bureau of Developmental Disabilities Services monitors each individual's progress, arranging for periodic reassessment of service needs. Bureau staff may visit the individual at home to assure that services are being provided as planned.

Eligibility

Individuals with developmental disabilities may be eligible for services once a Confirmation of Diagnosis completed by a physician outlining the specific diagnosis is submitted to BDDS. A developmental disability is defined as:

A mental and/or a physical impairment that begins before the age of 22 and is expected to continue indefinitely. An individual must have substantial limitations in at least 3 of the following areas:

- Self Care
- Language
- Learning
- Mobility
- Self-direction
- Capacity for independent living
- Economic self-sufficiency

Funding

Funding for the services is largely from public funds, including State and Federal appropriations. Individuals will need to apply for and obtain Medicaid in order to receive and keep the Family Supports Waiver.