

Services and Supports for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities



The Division of Developmental Disabilities is responsible for planning, funding, and overseeing a community system of services and supports for adults with developmental disabilities.

Who is eligible?

To be eligible for supports funded through the Division of Developmental Disabilities, an individual must:

- Have a condition that meets the definition of a developmental disability, as stated in RI State Law,
- Be eligible for Medicaid long term services and supports
- Require a nursing home level of care.

The term 'developmentally disabled adult' means a person, 18 years or older who is either intellectually /developmentally disabled or with a severe, chronic disability that:

- Is attributable to a mental or physical impairment or combination of mental and physical impairments;
- Is manifested before the person attains age 22;
- Is likely to continue indefinitely;
- Results in substantial functional limitations in three or more areas of major life activity; and,
- Reflects the person's need for a combination and sequence of special, interdisciplinary, or generic care, treatment or other services which are lifelong or of extended duration and are individually planned and coordinated.

Related service

Health-related services may also be authorized by Medicaid or other health insurance, as ordered by a physician.

This array of services and supports include:

- Access to Overnight Shared Supports
- Assistive Technology and Home Modifications
- Community-Based Supports
- Community Residential Support or Non-congregant Residential Support
- Day Program Center and Community Based Day
- Home Health
- Job Assessment and Development
- Job Coaching and Retention
- Natural Support Training
- Professional Services
- Respite Care
- Shared Living Arrangements
- Support Coordination
- Transportation, Support Facilitation, Support Brokerage

For information about services for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, please call 401-462-3421.

How to receive services

- Trained social caseworkers conduct an assessment to determine an individual's level of need.
- Individuals discuss their needs, interests, and goals with a Conflict Free Case Manager (CFCM), which results in a Person Centered Plan.
- Individuals can choose which provider agencies best meet their needs and/or choose to receive their services and supports through a Self-Directed Model.