

The New Jersey Department of Human Services
**Division of Developmental
Disabilities**



**TRANSITION INTO ADULTHOOD:
INFORMATION ABOUT DDD
SERVICES FOR THE 2020
GRADUATES**

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DDD Is Open & Working Remotely

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- Community Service Offices

<https://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/ddd/staff/cso/>

- Contact Information

- Division Website:

<https://nj.gov/humanservices/ddd/home/>

- Phone Number: 1-800-832-9173

- Email for routine questions:

DDD.FeeForService@dhs.nj.gov



Who does DDD serve?

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- Adults at least 21 years of age
- Individuals with intellectual & developmental disabilities (occurred before 22 and is lifelong)
- Meet Functional Criteria for DD
- Resident of New Jersey
- Eligible for Medicaid
 - DDD.MediEligHelpdesk@dhs.nj.gov
 - www.nj.gov/humanservices/ddd/services/medicaideligibility.html

Medicaid Based



- All individuals will be on a waiver that provides funding for home & community based services
 - Community Care Program (CCP)
 - Supports Program
- All individuals must be Medicaid eligible (and maintain Medicaid eligibility)
- Providers are Medicaid/DDD approved providers
 - Business entities can be utilized and receive reimbursement for services through Fiscal Intermediary

Eligibility Process

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- Can begin at age 18 (services not available until 21)
- Medicaid Eligibility – usually through SSI
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Eligibility Process

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- DDD Eligibility

- Intake Unit within Community Services Office (application on website)
- Full Application – required when applicant was **not** previously determined eligible for developmental disability services through DCF/CSOC – PerformCare
- Short Application – required when applicant was previously determined eligible for developmental disability services through DCF/CSOC – PerformCare
- NJ Comprehensive Assessment Tool (NJ CAT)



Eligibility Process



- SCA Assignment – April of graduating year
 - Complete and submit Support Coordination Agency Selection Form (January/February of graduating year)
- Individualized Budgets Assigned Based on Tier
 - Tiers (reflecting level of support need) are assigned based on result of NJ CAT
 - ✦ Tiers are from A to E and can include an acuity differentiated factor for individuals with high/specialized clinical support needs based on medical/behavioral concerns
- Budget Components Fund Waiver Services
- Additional SE funding if needed



Accessing Services

When do DDD services become available?



- Majority of Services
 - Available when educational entitlement has been exhausted (21st year)
 - Employment & Day Services, Residential Services (wait list)
- Services previously accessed through Children's System of Care (CSOC) – PerformCare
 - Available upon 21st birthday
 - Respite, Behavioral Supports
 - Contact Intake Unit in Community Services Office about 2 months prior to 21st birthday – SCA assignment up to 60 days prior to birthday, ISP development to continue services

Planning & Research Prior to Accessing Services



- Learn about the adult service system and how to access services, supports, resources
- Planning for Adult Life is a resource funded by the Division
- Offers online lessons, presentations, etc. to prepare for transition to adult services
- <https://planningforadulthood.org/>

Planning & Research Prior to Accessing Services

- Identify services/supports that will be needed after exiting the school system
 - **RECIPES**
 - ✦ **R**elationships
 - ✦ **E**mployment
 - ✦ **C**hores
 - ✦ **I**ndividual Health & Wellbeing
 - ✦ **P**lace to Live
 - ✦ **E**ducation
 - ✦ **S**ocial Life

Planning & Research Prior to Accessing Services



- Research providers to determine which ones meet individual needs
 - Provider Search Database
<https://irecord.dhs.state.nj.us/providersearch>
 - Boggs Center Guides
<http://njsupportingcommunitylives.org/people-and-families/selecting-service-providers/>

Support Coordination

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- Care Management provided through Medicaid & DDD approved Support Coordination Agencies
- Use a Person-Centered Planning process to identify outcomes and service needs
- Develop the Individualized Service Plan (ISP) that identifies the outcome, service needs, and providers

Support Coordination

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- Link the individual to providers
- Conduct monthly monitoring
- Individuals can choose their SCA or have DDD auto assign
- Individuals can change SCAs upon request

Waiver Services

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- Assistive Technology
- Behavioral Supports
- Career Planning
- Cognitive Rehabilitation (SP only)
- Community Based Supports (SP only)
- Community Inclusion Services
- Community Transition Services (CCP only)
- Day Habilitation
- Environmental Modifications
- Goods & Services
- Individual Supports (CCP only)

- Interpreter Services
- Natural Supports Training
- Occupational Therapy
- Personal Emergency Response System (PERS)
- Physical Therapy
- Prevocational Training
- Respite
- Speech, Language, and Hearing Therapy
- Supported Employment
- Supports Brokerage
- Transportation
- Vehicle Modifications

COVID-19 & DDD Services

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- Suspension of face-to-face contacts by Support Coordinators and DDD Staff unless related to the health & safety of the individual or required by State law
 - Meetings continue by phone or secure videoconferencing
- Suspension of provider facilitated community outings not related to health and safety
- Closure of facility-based day service settings



COVID-19 & DDD Services

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- Day services can be provided in home
- Remote services/supports are temporarily available depending on the provider
- Use of Self-Directed Employees (SDE)
 - Temporarily allowing more than 40 hours per week
 - Temporarily allowing parents, guardians, spouses to become SDE (unless enrolled as employer of record with PPL)

For Additional DDD Information



- DDD Website

<http://www.nj.gov/humanservices/ddd/home/>

- Division Announcements

- Email DDD.Communications@dhs.nj.gov and write “Division Update Subscribe” in the subject line

- Supports Program Policies & Procedures Manual

http://www.nj.gov/humanservices/ddd/documents/supports_program_policy_manual.pdf

- CCP Policies & Procedures Manual

http://www.nj.gov/humanservices/ddd/documents/community_care_waiver_policy_manual.pdf

- Provider Search Database

<https://irecord.dhs.state.nj.us/providersearch>



Additional Resources



- NJ Department of Human Services – New Jersey Resources 2020-2021

<https://www.nj.gov/humanservices/dds/documents/RD%202020-2021-final-web.pdf>

- The Boggs Center on Developmental Disabilities

<https://rwjms.rutgers.edu/boggscenter/>

- Statewide Parent Advocacy Network (SPAN)

<https://spanadvocacy.org/>

- The Arc of New Jersey <https://www.arcnj.org/>

- Autism New Jersey <https://www.autismnj.org/>

- Disability Rights New Jersey <http://drnj.org/>

- New Jersey Council on Developmental Disabilities

<https://njcdd.org/>



Emotional Support During COVID-19 Outbreak
Get Help Now: 866-202-HELP (4357)

E-mail: help@njmentalhealthcares.org

NJ Mental Health Cares

If you're concerned about your mental health or the mental health of someone you love, **NJ Mental Health Cares** can help.

The **free helpline** offers telephone counseling, emotional support, information and assistance.

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7 days per week, 8am - 8pm

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