

Developmental Disabilities Services



The ND Department of Health and Human Services is responsible for the delivery of services and supports to qualifying individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families.

The Developmental Disabilities (DD) Section(Bismarck) oversees the day-to-day administration of DD services, provider licensing, budget development, training, and quality assurance.

Services and supports are accessed through the eight regional human services which are under the umbrella of the Department of Health and Human Services.

- Direct services are provided by licensed, private non-profit and for-profit agencies that offer an array of residential, day and employment services, early intervention, and family support services.
- Medicaid State Plan Personal Care Services, Homemaker and Adult Foster Care are provided by individual or agency Qualified Service Providers (QSPs). In addition, individuals and families can self-direct a number of services through the Traditional IID/DD home and community-based waiver.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

**In order to be eligible for supports and services
a person must:**

- Be a resident of ND and meet US citizenship
- Be eligible for ND Medicaid
- Meet eligibility criteria
- Meet ICF/IID level of care

Eligibility for Services – 0-3 yrs.old

- High Risk for developmental delay-Diagnosed medical condition with high probability of delay
- Developmentally delayed
- -25% delay in two areas of development
- -50% delay in one area of development
- Informed clinical opinion, based on evaluation, with probability of delay
 - ❖ Eligibility is re-determined only when a child requesting continued services turns 3 y.o. Otherwise, family's request to not pursue continued service is documented in the record. Can always re-apply for services later if not pursued at age 3 y.o.

Eligibility for Services – Ages 3yrs old and up

Criteria:

- 1) Intellectual disability with a developmental disability
- 2) Intellectual disability with out a developmental disability but able to benefit from DD services or
- 3) Related condition with a developmental disability and able to benefit from DD services

Developmental Disability means a severe, chronic disability which is:

- Due to mental and/or physical impairment, **NOT Mental Illness**
- Age of onset occurred before age 22
- Likely to continue indefinitely
- Have substantial functional limitations in 3 or more areas of major life activities.

Children's Supports

- **Infant Development** – a home-based, family focused service that provides information, support and training for families to assist them in meeting their eligible child's needs.
- **Right Track** – is the statewide screening program for at-risk infants and toddlers, with screenings conducted in the child's natural environment for those not in DDPM.

Family Support Services

In Home Supports

Trained caregiver assists the parent or primary caregiver in meeting the care needs of the individual and provides supervision or second set of hands when the parent or primary caregiver is away from the home.

Respite

Respite is to provide relief care when primary caregiver is not present. Services are provided to the participant that give the primary caregiver from daily stress, care demands or to prevent/delay out of home placement.

Self-Directed Supports

The family directs their own services. These services include behavioral consultation, equipment and supplies and environmental modifications, and in home supports.

Family Care Option

This service is for a child who cannot receive care in his or her family home on a fulltime basis. Placement of a child under 21 is provided in a family home meeting the safety standards for family or adult foster care

Extended home Health Care

This services is an extension of Home Health Care State Plan Service. Nursing care is provided to an individual in their family home

Parenting Supports

This supportive service includes parenting skills training for people who are parents or will become parents

Program Management

A Developmental Disabilities Program Manager gathers information, assesses service needs, coordinates needed services and supports, and monitors individual progress. Yearly contact

Corporate Guardianship

This contracted service is provided when a district court has determined an individual requires a guardian and no one else is available to serve as guardian.

Personal Care Services

Personal care assistance may include hands-on caregiving assistance or cueing, so that an individual can perform a self-care task including bathing, toileting, transferring, eating, dressing, mobility, meal preparation, laundry, medication assistance, shopping, money management, hair, nail and teeth care, etc.

Residential Services

Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities(ICF/IID)

A residential facility for individuals who need 24-hour care that is licensed as a certified health care facility.

Residential Habilitation

Ongoing daily support that assists in developing self-help, socialization, and skills that improve the Individuals' ability to live independently and participate in the community.

Independent Habilitation

Regular, but not daily support for fewer than 24-hours per day that assists with self help, socialization, And sills that improve the individual's ability to live independently and participate in the community.

Adult Foster Care

IS 24-hour support in a licensed family home where an individual receives personal care help, supervision Routine transportation, laundry and housekeeping, as needed.

Homemaker

Help for individual who live alone that includes non –personal care tasks, such as housing cleaning, laundry, And/or meal preparation tasks in the home.

Day and Employment Services

Day Habilitation

Daily scheduled activities, training and supports provided in a non –residential setting that Promote community participation, development of self-help skills, and improved sensory-motor Cognitive, communication, and social interaction skills.

Prevocational Services

Support helps prepare individuals for paid employment in the community. Teaches general work skills and concepts and may include training on effective communication Workplace conduct and attire, following directions, attending to tasks and workplace safety.

Small Group Employment Support

Support to provide to small groups of individuals(2 to8 people)to assist with paid employment In the community.

Individual Employment Support

Provides long-term ongoing support to assist individuals to perform in a work setting. Includes on-or off-the-job employment-related support for people who need intervention to Help them obtain or maintain employment in the community.

How Are DD Services Funded?

- Level of Care screening used to determine if Medicaid (Title 19) funds may be used (Progress Assessment Review).
- Most DD services in ND are reimbursed by Medicaid through Medicaid State Plan or the Traditional Medicaid Home and Community Based Waiver.

SIS/ICAP Assessment

- We utilizes the SIS assessment to determine funding levels for clients who are eligible for DD Services and choose one of our waived services.
- ICAP(16yrs and under)
- The funding follows the person from provider to provider or region to region.
- The level of staffing is based on the individualized needs of the person.

How does someone apply for DD Services?

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