

WHAT IS A DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY (DD)

A developmental disability, is defined in LA R.S. 28:451.2.

A DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY is a severe, chronic disability of a person that:

- Is attributable to an intellectual or physical impairment or a combination of both
- Is manifested before the person reaches age 22
- Is likely to continue indefinitely
- Results in 3 or more substantial functional limitations
- Is not attributed solely to mental illness
- Reflects the person's need for lifelong planning and coordination of supports
- OR a substantial developmental delay or condition prior to age 9 that, without supports & services, may be a developmental disability later in life.

FPHSA is the single point of entry into the developmental disabilities service system and facilitates access to community-based services and resources in the five-parish area. Eligibility must be established prior to receiving services.

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SERVICES

- ❖ **Support Coordination**
- ❖ **Individual and Family Supports (IFS)**
- ❖ **Flexible Family Fund**
- ❖ **Employment**
- ❖ **Residential Living Options and Admission Services**
- ❖ **Crisis Diversion**
- ❖ **Home and Community Based Waivers**

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SERVICES

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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES

FPHSA Provides the following Behavioral Health services:

ADDICTIVE DISORDERS SERVICES
MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
GAMBLING PREVENTION

For more information on behavioral health services and clinic locations please visit www.fphsa.org or call 985-543-4730.

No one will be denied access to Behavioral Health services due to inability to pay. There is a discounted/sliding fee schedule available.

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GETTING STARTED

- Call to schedule an “eligibility appointment with the Developmental Disabilities office”.
- Anyone can make an eligibility referral either by email, fax, telephone or walking into the FPHSA, Pride Drive facility in Hammond.
- The individual applying for DD services must be present at the appointment.
- Bring all documentation supporting the DD diagnosis. For example: IEP, school documents, psychological assessments, medical reports.
- The approximately two (2) hour long appointment will consist of an interview and assessment of adaptive skills such as self-help skills, social and communication skills, motor skills, personal living skills, community living skills and behaviors.
- Individuals who are eligible for DD services will receive a Statement of Approval (SOA), and their name will be added to the waiver Request for Services Registry.

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SERVICES

SUPPORT COORDINATION

- ❖ A staff member provides assistance to individuals with developmental disabilities or their families to identify necessary supports and coordinates accessing, utilizing and maintaining those supports.

CRISIS DIVERSION

- ❖ Without requested supports, there is an immediate or potential threat of out of home placement or homelessness due to life threatening medical problems, abuse or neglect, intense challenging behaviors, death or deterioration of caregiver.
- ❖ Crisis Diversion includes IFS crisis funding, immediate residential living option admissions and Resource Center referrals.

INDIVIDUAL AND FAMILY SUPPORT (IFS)

- ❖ A range of supports funded to assist individuals to remain at home or in the community. A person centered plan of support is developed and implemented to meet those support needs. Examples of eligible supports include but are not limited to: special equipment/supplies, special nutrition/clothing, respite personal care attendant, home modifications, recreation services, transportation, specialized utility cost, sitter services, equipment and supplies, companion services, vocational/employment supports.

RESIDENTIAL LIVING OPTIONS & ADMISSIONS

- ❖ At the request of the individual/family, assistance is provided with locating an appropriate community home either locally or statewide.
- ❖ Preadmission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) - Persons with a developmental disability who request an admission to a nursing home are reviewed for appropriate level of care, as well as any specialized services needed during their stay.

RESOURCE CENTER REFERRALS

- ❖ OCDD Resource Centers collaborate to assist with identification of support needs, as well as develop activities/ interventions/ products that improve the individual’s abilities to achieve positive outcomes.

EMPLOYMENT

- ❖ The individual will have a plan of support focusing on employment in the community / competitive employment.
- ❖ Prevocational activities which focus on the development of general strengths and skills which will contribute to employability are addressed in the plan of support.

FLEXIBLE FAMILY FUND

- ❖ The Flexible Family Fund (FFF) program provides a \$258 cash stipend to caregivers of children under the age of 18 who have a severe or profound developmental disability.
- ❖ The FFF application found on the FPHSA website and supporting documentation, such as a current IEP, must be submitted.
- ❖ When a FFF slot becomes available, two assessments will be conducted to determine eligibility for FFF.

SYSTEM TRANSFORMATION

TIERED WAIVER SERVICES

- ★ Individuals with a greater urgency of need of supports will be prioritized for receiving the most appropriate home and community-based waiver services.
- ★ Waiver offers are made based on the highest “Screening for Urgency of Need” (SUN) score and earliest registry date.
- ★ The SUN was designed to identify any needs a person may have, review current supports a person has and uses now, and determine the urgency of any unmet need that a person has. The SUN is not a waiver offer.
- ★ All adults will initially receive a DD waiver offer, not for a specific waiver. Consideration will be given first to the Supports Waiver (SW), then the Residential Options Waiver (ROW), then the New Opportunities Waiver (NOW).
- ★ Children under 21 years of age will be offered the Children’s Choice (CC) Waiver.
- ★ Children 18 years of age and out of school can choose a Children’s Choice Waiver or SW. At age 21, they will “age out” to the most appropriate waiver.