



C U Y A H O G A C O U N T Y
Board of Developmental Disabilities

Transition Bootcamp CCBDD Presentation

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**Supporting and empowering people with developmental disabilities
to live, learn, work and play in the community**

About the Cuyahoga County Board of DD

- Proudly serve over 12,000 people with developmental disabilities of all ages annually
- Employ 900+ professional staff who support people in natural environments, like the home, school, workplace, and community
- Use a person-centered approach to help people achieve meaningful goals
- Administer Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services Waivers to help people live their lives to the fullest
- Connect people to services and resources available in the community
- Funded in part (63%) by a continuing levy



CCBDD Mission Statement

- Our mission is to support and empower people with developmental disabilities to live, learn, work and play in the community.
- www.cuyahogabdd.org



Agenda

- How to connect with CCBDD
- The Community and Medicaid Services Dept.
- Supporting you
- Funding / Medicaid Waivers
- Wait List rule changes
 - Immediate and Current needs



Introduction to CCBDD

We start at Intake and Eligibility if you are not currently connected to The Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities.

We will first determine if eligibility for Board services has been established and if not, we will initiate that process.

Contact us:

(216) 736-2673 or intake@cuyahogaBDD.org.



Eligibility

- There are different eligibility criteria based on the age of the individual.
- Individuals are assessed as children and then again as adults.
- Eligibility is based on a diagnosis of a developmental disability, as well as substantial limitations in activities of daily living.
- Once eligibility has been established, you are linked with the resources that best match your identified need.



Community and Medicaid Services (CMS)

The CMS department is one department within The Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities

A primary function of staff in this department is to assist individuals in identifying needed supports and linking them to those supports.



Supporting you

We discover your needs by having conversations and asking questions.

We help identify what is important to/for, what is working and not working, what should change and/or stay the same.

We plan with you, your family, and other team members to address those needs.

We support you to make choices about your life (Person Centered Planning)

We identify and link you to resources to address your outcomes and assessed needs. This may include helping to connect you to service providers.



Supporting you

We review if the services in place are meeting your outcomes and if you are satisfied with the supports.

We reassess when circumstances change significantly and there may be new issues to address.

Let us know as soon as possible when things change in your life.

Additional planning and/or further linking to services may be needed (both inside CCBDD and Outside).



Funding for Services

- Natural Supports / Personal Assets
- Community Resources-services that anyone has access to
- Medicare/Private Insurance
- Medicaid
- CCBDD
- Medicaid Waivers



What IS a Medicaid Waiver?

Waivers allow individuals to receive needed supports outside of an institutional setting (like an ICF/IID or Nursing Facility). They offer additional choices for people about where and from whom they get services.

In Ohio's DD system, there are 3 waivers. Many provide similar services but have some distinctions, including total funding available per year.

- Individual Options (funding within a “range” based on assessed need of individual. No firm cost cap.)
- Level One (\$5000 per year PLUS additional money for day supports or employment)
- SELF (\$25,000 annual cap for children, \$40,000 for adults)



Funding for Services and Supports

Waivers helps people meet their needs as well as accessing their community through supports such as homemaker or personal care services, transportation, etc.

Medicaid waivers offer a variety of services in the community and individual's home instead of in a facility/institution (ICF/IID or Nursing Home), including:

- Homemaker Personal Care services (hygiene, dressing, household tasks, meal preparation, community access)
- Nonmedical Transportation (to/from work)
- Adult Day Services or Employment Services
- Home Modifications or Equipment
- Respite

These services are based on your **assessed needs and outcomes** so not everyone gets all services available, and everyone's services are different. The Service and Support Administrator (SA or SSA) is responsible by rule for these assessments.



What do waivers offer?

A waiver does NOT cover everything! Does not cover:

- Anything that can be covered using another payment source (personal resources, health insurance, another agency from which the individual gets supports)
- Housing costs (rent, food, utilities, clothing, etc.)
- Items (equipment) purchased via waiver funds must be medically necessary. If not, they are not covered.

Many people are able to have their needs met without a waiver!

The new Waiting List rule **REQUIRES** county boards to use other community resources to meet needs before waiver enrollment. **Being on the Waiting List does not guarantee a waiver.**



Will Everyone who Requests a DD Waiver get a Waiver?

- An individual or family can request a waiver at any time by contacting their support administrator or by calling the Intake department (216) 736-2673.
- A phone or in person interview will take place to obtain information about current needs and assess the urgency of the situation.
- Level 1, IO and SELF waiver requests are approved based on the results of a waiting list assessment-5123:2-9-04



Waiting Lists

- A new Waiting List rule went into effect on 9/1/2018
- A statewide assessment is now used to help determine a person's needs
- Possible Outcomes of the assessment...
 - Immediate Need
 - Current Need
 - No current or immediate need



New Criteria-Immediate Need

- “Immediate need” means a situation that creates a **risk of substantial harm** to an individual, caregiver, or another person **if action is not taken within thirty calendar days to reduce the risk.**



Immediate Need

- Conditions which MAY create immediate risk
 - ICF/IID or Nursing Facility (NF) resident who has received **discharge notice**
 - **Adult losing primary caregiver** due to the primary caregiver's declining or chronic physical or psychiatric condition or due to other unforeseen circumstances
 - **Risk of Harm** due to:
 - Significant care needs
 - Significant or life-threatening medical needs
 - Documented behavior that creates significant risk
 - An adult has been subjected to **abuse, neglect, or exploitation**



New Criteria-Current Need

- “**Current need**” means an unmet need for home and community-based services within twelve months, as determined by a county board based upon assessment of the individual using the waiting list assessment tool.



Current Need

- **Ongoing need for limited or intermittent supports** to address behavioral, physical, or medical needs, **in order to sustain existing caregivers** and maintain the viability of the individual's current living arrangement
- Risk of substantial harm due to:
 - **The primary caregiver's declining or chronic long-term physical or psychiatric condition** that significantly limits his or her ability to care for the individual;
 - **Insufficient availability of caregivers** to provide necessary supports to the individual;
 - The **individual's declining skills** resulting from a lack of supports.



Current Need

- **Ongoing need for continuous supports** to address significant behavioral, physical, or medical needs.
- Viable **discharge plan** for a person living in an Intermediate Care Facility (ICF) or Nursing Facility (NF).
- Emancipation from the children's services system (**DCFS custody**).
- Requires waiver funding for **adult day services or employment-related supports** that are not otherwise available (such as through OOD or school).



How the Waiting List works

- If you have an assessed current need, we will identify resources that may meet your needs.
- If we cannot meet your assessed needs, we will place you on the waiting list.
- You will receive written notification of the outcome of the assessment, along with your due process rights.
- If you are on the waiting list, at least once every year we will touch base with you about how your needs may have changed. *You should also contact us at any time if your needs do change!*
- The County Board will also plan each year to meet the needs of as many people as possible on our Waiting list.



Other Important Points

- You can always **contact CCBDD for help if your situation changes** and you believe you have an immediate or current unmet need!
- If you are on the waiting list and **move to a new county**, notify that county board that you now live there. You will no longer be on the waiting list in your old county.
- For more information on the new Waiting List rule go to **www.fixthelist.info**



Advancing our mission

- Continue to be a vital part of the county's health and human services
- Share our expertise with a wide range of community partners
- Assure safety net services for those with the greatest needs
- Facilitate collaborative initiatives
- Provide high-quality support administration
- Fund services



INCLUSION

begins with

YOU



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Five things YOU can do to promote inclusion

BE INSPIRED Invite one of our Good Life Ambassadors (advocates) to speak at your agency, business or event.

1

Let's create an inclusive community, together. Schedule a Good Life Ambassador presentation by calling **(216) 736-2924**.

BE INCLUSIVE Support ways people with disabilities can fully participate in all aspects of community life.

2

Arrange a free training on inclusive practices or sensory-friendly experiences by calling **(216) 736-2722**.

HIRE someone with a developmental disability and enhance workforce diversity. People with disabilities can work and want to work.

3

Meet your hiring needs by contacting the Employment Collaborative of Cuyahoga County at **(216) 931-7458**.

VOLUNTEER with us. Share your time, interests and friendship. Become a community friend.

4

Learn more about volunteer opportunities by calling **(216) 736-2722**.

CONNECT We're here to support and empower people with developmental disabilities.

5

If you or someone you know is in need of our support, contact us at **(216) 241-8230**.

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Questions?

Thank you!!!

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