

# **Developmental Disabilities Administration**

## **Southern Maryland Regional Office**

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# DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ADMINISTRATION

- ❖ Provides funding for people with developmental disabilities
- ❖ Partners with individuals with developmental disabilities and their families to provide leadership and resources to enable these individuals in living fulfilling lives
- ❖ Is guided by the principle that individuals with developmental disabilities have the right to direct their lives and services

# APPLICATION PROCESS

- Fill out application
  - Include supporting documentation
    - Psychological, IEP, Medical Documentation
- Comprehensive Assessment (CA)
  - Completed by Coordinator of Community Service (CCS ) agencies
    - 45 Business days to complete
- Determination made by DDA



# ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

A developmental disability is a physical or mental impairment, but not just mental illness, or it can be a combination of mental and physical impairments.

- ❖ It will more than likely continue forever
- ❖ It started before you turned 22
- ❖ You need supports or assistance to live independently
- ❖ You need the support of a team to help with your services and treatment
- **COMAR 10.22.12**

# DD PRIORITY CATEGORIES

There are 3 priority categories. These categories are the order of priority in which applicants receive services.

1. Crisis Resolution:

- This means you are currently in a crisis or emergency situation (for example - abuse, neglect, homeless).

2. Crisis Prevention:

- This means you are or will be in health or safety crisis within the next year. Have a caregiver 65 or older.

3. Current Request:

- This means you need or want services though health and safety are not the immediate needs.

\*Can change depending on situation

# GOVERNOR'S TRANSITIONING YOUTH INITIATIVE (GTYI)

- Person with a developmental disability as defined in Maryland regulation- COMAR 10.22.12

Eligible for funding after school eligibility

Specially dedicated funds

Re-authorized each year by legislature

- DDA - NOT an entitlement!

Based on eligibility and limited funding allocation



# COORDINATION OF COMMUNITY SERVICES (CCS)

- Assessing a person's wants and needs post school
- Coordinating and connecting people to adult services
  - Assist to identify potential providers
  - Complete paperwork for waiver enrollment
- Develop a person centered plan (PCP)
  - Monitor implementation of PCP and satisfaction with services
  - Coordinate annual review and PCP update
- Advocating for the person and assisting self-advocacy efforts to ensure he/she remains at the center of the transition into adult services
- Assist with locating and implementing generic resources in the community

# MONTGOMERY COUNTY CCS AGENCIES

- The Coordinating Center
- Medical Management and Rehabilitation Services (MMARS)
- Montgomery County Dept. of Health and Human Services (MCDHHS)
- Optimal Health Care
- Service Coordination Inc (SCI)
- Total Care Services



# OPTIONS FOR GTYI FUNDING

## ❖ MEANINGFUL DAY SERVICES

❖ DAY

❖ EMPLOYMENT

## ❖ SELF DIRECTED SERVICES

## ❖ SUPPORT SERVICES



# MEANINGFUL DAY SERVICES (DAY)

## ➤ *Day Habilitation*

- Day services are intended to increase independence and develop and maintain motor skills, communication skills, and personal hygiene skills related to specific habilitation goals that lead to opportunities for integrated employment

## ➤ *Community Development Services*

- CDS are activities, special assistance, support and education to help individuals whose age, disability or circumstances currently limits their ability to be employed and/or participate in activities in their community. They assist in developing the skills and social supports necessary to gain, retain, or advance in employment

## ➤ *Career Exploration*

- Time-limited services to help participants learn skills to work toward competitive integrated employment

# MEANINGFUL DAY SERVICES (EMPLOYMENT)

- *Employment Discovery and Customization*
  - Employment Discovery and Customization services are time limited services to identify and develop customized employment options for participants working towards competitive integrated employment or self-employment
- *Discovery*
  - a process to assist the participant in finding out who they are, what they want to do, and what they have to offer
- *Job Development*
  - supports finding a job including customized employment and self-employment
- *Ongoing Supports*
  - various supports a participant may need to successfully maintain their job;
- *Follow Along Supports*
  - periodic supports after a participant has transitioned into their job

# SUPPORTS SERVICES OFFERED

- Assistive Technology and Services
- Behavioral Support Services
- Environmental Assessment
- Environmental Modifications
- Family & Peer Mentoring Supports
- Family Caregiver Training & Empowerment Services
- Individual & Family Directed Goods and Services (Self Direction)
- Housing Support Services
- Live-In Care Giver Supports
- Nursing (Consultation, Case Management, Delegation)
- Participant Education, Training & Advocacy Supports
- Personal Supports
- Remoter Support Services
- Respite Care Services
- Support Broker Services
- Transition Services
- Transportation
- Vehicle Modifications

# SELF DIRECTED SERVICES

- *The self-directed service delivery model is an alternative to traditionally delivered and managed services.*
- *- Self-directed services mean that participants, or their representatives if applicable, have decision-making authority over certain services and take direct responsibility to manage their services with the assistance of a system of available supports*
- *- Self-direction promotes personal choice and control over the delivery of waiver services, including who provides the services and how services are provided.*
- *- Self-direction of services allows participants to have the responsibility for managing all aspects of service delivery in a person-centered planning process*

# APPROXIMATE TIMELINE OF TRANSITION YEAR

- Summer before Transition year
  - Visit providers
- Fall
  - Turn in choice letter to CCS
    - CCS will follow up with provider
- Feb-March
  - Enroll in waiver
    - CCS will complete
- July 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Earliest start date for services



# QUESTIONS

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