



Highland County Board of Developmental Disabilities Eligibility and Process Information

Services are provided to children and adults of all ages who have developmental disabilities and who qualify under standards established by the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities. Services are provided without regard to age, race, color, sex, religion or national origin to Highland County residents who are determined to have a developmental disability. The individual must have a documented qualifying diagnosis of a developmental disability made by a qualified professional.

Definitions of Developmental Disability

- A developmental disability is defined as a severe, chronic disability that is characterized by all of the following:
 - Is likely to continue indefinitely
 - Is manifested before the person attains age 22
 - Is attributable to a mental or physical impairment or a combination of mental and physical impairments, other than a mental or physical impairment solely caused by mental illness
 - In the case of a person under age three, at least one developmental delay
 - In the case of a person at least age three, but under age six, at least two developmental delays
 - In the case of a person age six or older, a substantial functional limitation in at least three of the following areas of major life activity, as appropriate for one's age: self-care, receptive and expressive language, learning, mobility, self-direction, capacity for independent living, and, if the person is age 16 or older, capacity for economic self-sufficiency
- Causes the person to need a combination and sequence of special interdisciplinary, or other type of care, treatment or provision of services for an extended period of time that is individually planned and coordinated for the person

Determining Eligibility

To determine if one is eligible for services, background information will be requested and an assessment will be conducted by the Intake Office. The Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities developed the screening instruments that are used to determine if an individual qualifies for services.

The Children's Ohio Eligibility Determination Instrument, or COEDI is completed for children seeking services. The COEDI records information for children 6 to 15 years old.

The Ohio Eligibility Determination Instrument, or OEDI, records information about a person's abilities and areas that they need support. This information is used to determine their eligibility for county board of developmental disabilities services. The OEDI captures information about people 16 years old and older.

Once review of the documentation is complete and the assessment is processed, you will be notified if you are eligible for services from the Highland County Board of DD. If you do not qualify for services, we will provide you with resources for further assistance.

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