

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HOSPITALS
OFFICE FOR CITIZENS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES (OCDD)/
WAIVER SUPPORTS AND SERVICES**

SUPPORTS WAIVER FACT SHEET

Description	<p>Home and Community-Based Services Waiver programs are based on federal criteria that allow services to be provided in a home or community-based setting for the participant who would otherwise require institutional care.</p> <p>The Supports Waiver has reserved capacity for people who were receiving state general funded vocational and habilitation services through the Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities (OCDD) as of March 31, 2006, or who were listed as waiting for those services prior to May 31, 2006. This means that this population is the first served through this waiver.</p> <p>There is a Developmental Disability (DD) Request for Services Registry (RFSR) that includes individuals who meet the Louisiana definition for developmental disability and their request date, but do not have reserved capacity. Persons interested in being added to the Developmental Disability Request for Services Registry for the Supports Waiver should contact their local OCDD Regional Office/District/Authority. Once a request has been made, the person will be asked to participate in a determination process for system entry will only determine if the person meets the criteria for a developmental disability.</p> <p>The application process for the Supports Waiver will not begin until a waiver opportunity is available. At that time, medical and financial determinations will be completed simultaneously to validate that the individual has a developmental disability and meets the financial and medical/psychological requirements for institutional care in an Intermediate Care Facility for Persons with Developmental Disabilities (ICF/DD). Through freedom of choice, requestors will choose their support coordinator and direct service provider(s).</p> <p>The Supports Waiver will only be appropriate for those individuals whose health and welfare can be assured via the Individual Service Plan with a cost limit of \$26,000 and for whom home and community-based waiver services represent a least restrictive treatment alternative. This waiver is intended to provide specific, activity focused services rather than continuous custodial care.</p> <p>The following are services offered through the Supports Waiver: Supported Employment, Day Habilitation, Prevocational Services, Respite, Habilitation, and Personal Emergency Response Systems.</p>
Level of Care	Requestors must meet ICF/DD level of care for medical and/or psychological criteria. Procedure and requirements are the same as ICF/DD facility determination for admission.
Population	Age ≙ Age 18 years and older with mental retardation or a developmental disability which manifested prior to age 22. Must meet the Louisiana definition for developmental disability.
Financial	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Income ≙ The monthly income limit is up to 3 times the SSI amount. * Resources ≙ For 2007, countable resources cannot be worth more than \$2,000 for an individual or \$3,000 for a couple who needs ICF/DD Level of Care. * These income and resources limits are subject to change each year.

**For Information About Accessing Supports Waiver Services,
Please Contact Your OCDD Regional Office/District/Authority.**