

Children's Choice Waiver Fact Sheet

WHAT IS THE CHILDREN'S CHOICE WAIVER?

The Children's Choice Waiver (CC) program provides services in the home and in the community to individuals 0 through 20 years of age, who currently live at home with their families or who will leave an institution to return home.

This waiver provides an individualized support package with a maximum cost of \$17,500 per year, and is designed for maximum flexibility.

Youth who reach the age of 18 and want to work may choose to transition to a Supports Waiver as long as they remain eligible for waiver services.

Youth who continue in the Children's Choice Waiver beyond age 18 will age out of Children's Choice Waiver when they reach their 21st birthday. They will transition to the most appropriate waiver that meets their needs as long as they remain eligible for waiver services.

This program is not intended to provide 24 hours a day support.

****Youth age 0 to 3 individuals must meet the My Place eligibility requirements.***

****Youth age 3 to 20 individuals must have an OCDD Statement of Approval.***

IF I QUALIFY, WHAT SERVICES MAY I RECEIVE FROM THIS PROGRAM?

- Support Coordination
- Family Support
- Crisis Support
- Center-Based Respite
- Family Training
- Environmental Accessibility Adaptions
- Specialized Medical Equipment
- Permanent Supportive Housing Stabilization
- Permanent Supportive Housing Stabilization and Transition

Therapy Services

- Aquatic Therapy
- Art Therapy
- Music Therapy
- Hippo-Therapy/Therapeutic Horseback Riding
- Sensory Integration

****Individuals who receive the CC Waiver may also receive EPSDT services.***

WHO CAN QUALIFY FOR SERVICES?

Individuals who:

- Meet Louisiana Medicaid eligibility **AND**
- Meet the Louisiana definition for developmental disability which manifested prior to age 22 (Revised Statute 25:451.2, Paragraph (11)), **AND**
- Have an OCDD Statement of Approval **OR**
- Meet My Place eligibility if age 0-3 **AND**
- Meet Intermediate Care Facility- Intellectual Disability (ICF-ID) Level of Care Criteria **AND**
- Are 0 through 20 years of age

Financial:

Resources are the things people own. When we count resources for this program, we do not count the person's home, the car they drive to medical appointments or other basic resources.

- Single people can have no more than \$2,000 in resources. Couples can have no more than \$3,000 in resources (when both spouses receive long-term care).

HOW CAN PEOPLE REQUEST AN OCDD WAIVER?

Home and community-based waiver opportunities will now be provided based on the individual's prioritized need for support, which was identified in their Request for Services Registry Screening for Urgency of Need. Instead of being first come, first served, individuals with the most emergent and urgent need for support will have priority.

Individuals who have a need for services should contact their local Human Services District/Authority in order to go through the eligibility determination process.

To add your name to the Developmental Disability Request for Services Registry or if you have questions, you can contact the Human Services District/Authority for your area. Listed below is a web link to this information:

<http://ldh.la.gov/index.cfm/page/134>

If you do not have access to a computer, you may call the OCDD State Office at 866-783-5553 to request the contact information for your local Human Services District/Authority.