SC DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS

What Parents Need to Know

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WHAT IS DDSN AND WHO DO WE SERVE?

SC Department of Disabilities and Special Needs (DDSN) is the state agency that plans, develops, oversees and funds services for South Carolinians with severe, lifelong disabilities of

- ▶ intellectual disability
- > autism spectrum disorder
- head injury, such as a traumatic brain injury
- > spinal cord injury
- conditions similar or related to each of the above four disabilities.



DDSN
SERVICES
CONTINUE FOR
MANY YEARS
AND STAGES
OF LIFE

Schools serve students of specific ages. Agencies, like DDSN, serve people, regardless of age, for many years





WHAT SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH DDSN?



INDIVIDUAL SERVICES







FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES





ADULT DAY SERVICES

Day Activity Services, Community Services, Support Center

Employment Services: Group



EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Employment Services: Individual







RESIDENTIAL SERVICES







PREVENTION AND GENETIC SERVICES



Why engage with DDSN now?

BECAUSE THE CHANGE FROM STUDENT TO AN ADULT IS A BIG TRANSITION

Dear Past, thank you for all the lessons.

Dear Future, I am ready!!!

InspirationBoost.com

What are the options after high school?

What do we need to do to get to that goal?

LEAVING SCHOOL IS A BIG TRANSITION

KEY DIFFERENCES BETWEEN SCHOOL SERVICES AND ADULT SERVICES





School services = required & guaranteed

Adult services = not required & not guaranteed



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APPLY TODAY!

CALL 1-800-289-7012

CALLS ARE ANSWERED BETWEEN 8:30AM-5:00PM

MONDAY THRU FRIDAY

STEP 1

INFORMATION YOU NEED

- * Have your student's basic information available including:
 - Full name
 - Date of Birth
 - Address
 - Social Security Number,
 - Medicaid ID Number (if eligible)
 - > E-mail address
- Plan to spend about 15 minutes on the phone.
- Students/Parents will be asked questions about your residency in South Carolina.
- * Students/parents will be asked general questions about the student's disability.
- Unless you are seeking Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) eligibility, student/parent will be asked to choose three Intake Providers from a list read to you. The Intake Provider will assist you through the eligibility process.

AFTER THE CALL

- Within about 1 week, expect a letter from DDSN with information about services. Forms should be completed, signed and returned.
- * Within about 2 weeks, expect a call from the Intake Provider or a Autism Eligibility Coordinator.
- If they do not receive the letter from DDSN or do not receive a phone call from either an Intake Service Provider or Autism Eligibility Coordinator, please call DDSN at 1-800-289-7012.
- Make sure to answer/return phone calls and return all needed paperwork to keep the process moving
- * Failure to return phone calls or paperwork can result in closing the case before an eligibility determination is made
- * Call and ask if you have questions or are unsure of what to do.

CASE
MANAGERS
ARE THE
LOCAL
CONTACT



Once eligible, the person / family may select a case management provider.

WHEN NEEDED, CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES MAY BE PROVIDED.

The case manager will:

- Assess the student's needs,
- Develop a plan to address those needs
- Implement the plan which may include linking to needed services such as
 - SC Vocational Rehabilitation
 - Home and Community Based Waiver services and programs
 - Medicaid services
 - Other DDSN funded services

DDSN CASE MANAGERS ARE KEY!

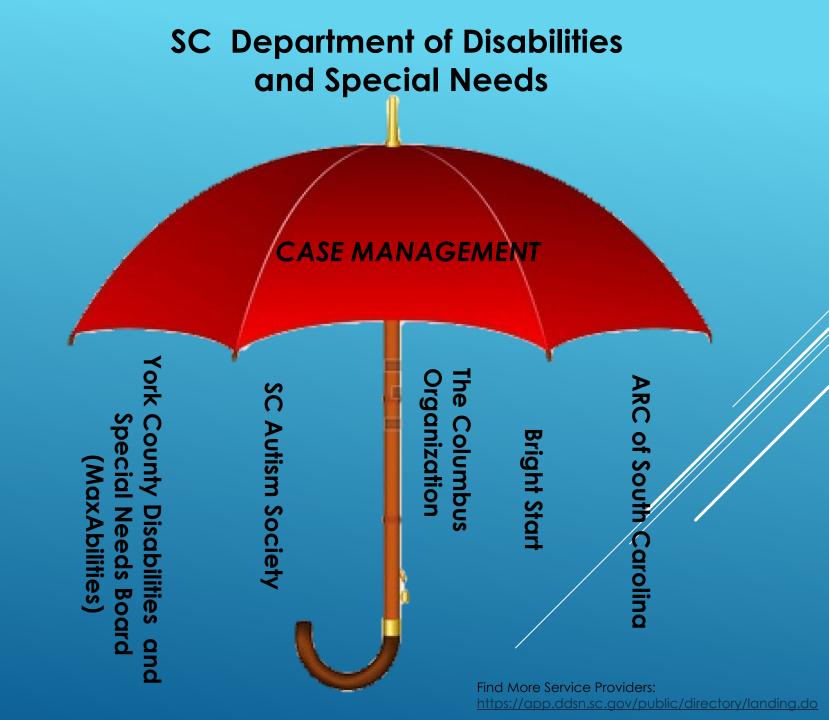
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EVERY COUNTY HAS A LOCAL DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS BOARD.

LOCAL BOARDS ARE PROVIDERS OF SOME DDSN-SPONSORED SERVICES

EACH COUNTY HAS PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDERS.

PARENTS/STUDENTS CAN
CHOOSE SERVICES
PROVIDERS FOR THE
SERVICES THAT ARE
DEEMED APPROPRIATE IN
THE STUDENT'S PLAN



FUNDING OF SERVICES

*STATE FUNDS

*MEDICAID

*MEDICAID HOME AND COMMUNITY BASED WAIVER



LET'S TALK ABOUT WAIVERS

WAIVERS ARE ONE OF THE MAIN FUNDING SOURCES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES



COMMUNITY SUPPORTS WAIVER

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- Serves people who have suffered a traumatic brain or spinal cord injury or have a similar condition.
- Currently, there is no waiting list for this waiver.
- > All services are based on the person's assessed needs.

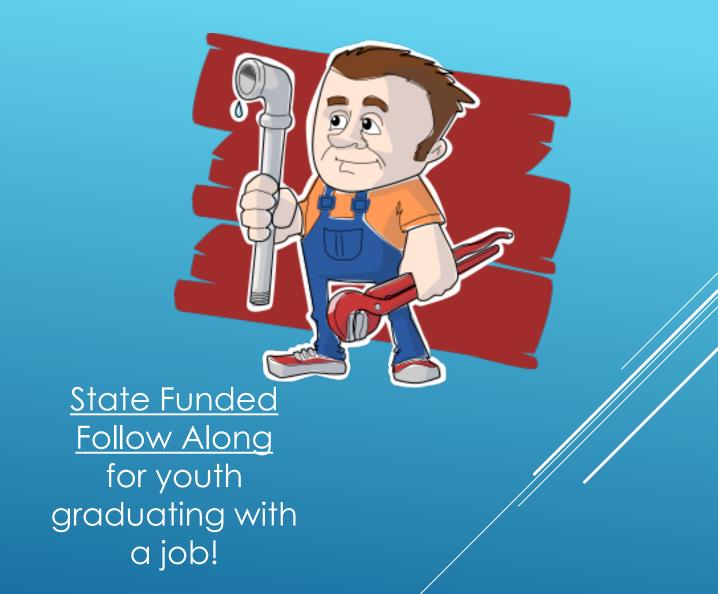
OTHER FUNDING...

MEDICAID FUNDS

* Targeted Case management

STATE FUNDS

 State Funded Case management



DDSN'S PHILOSOPHY: EMPLOYMENT FIRST

- * Individual <u>integrated</u> employment at or above <u>minimum wage</u> is the preferred outcome for working age adults, regardless of disability.
- This is the foundation for assessment and planning for individuals receiving services through DDSN.
- * We encourage all people who want to work (in any fashion) to apply to the South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department which is the state agency whose mission is to assist people with disabilities to achieve and maintain competitive employment.



THE LAST DAY OF HIGH SCHOOL SHOULD LOOK LIKE THE FIRST DAY OF ADULT LIFE

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WANT FURTHER INFORMATION?



QUESTIONS?