



DDA: An Overview of Eligibility and Services

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Agenda

Intake and Eligibility Rules and Processes

- Overview of Eligibility Categories
- Intake & Eligibility Application Processes
- Reapplications & Eligibility Reviews

Primary Services

- Non-Paid Service Caseloads
- Community First Choice & Personal Care
- Waivers



What is a developmental disability?

- “Developmental disability” means a disability attributable to **intellectual disability, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, autism, or another neurological or other condition** of an individual found by the secretary to be closely related to intellectual disability or to require treatment similar to that required for individuals with intellectual disabilities, which disability originates before the individual attains age eighteen, which has continued or can be expected to continue indefinitely, and **which constitutes a substantial handicap to the individual.** RCW

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WAC Criteria for Eligibility

- Must have a diagnosed eligible condition that is not expected to improve or go away.
- Must have evidence that the condition was present prior to age 18.
- Must have evidence of substantial functional limitations based on:
 - IQ scores
 - Physical assistance needs
 - Adaptive functioning test scores
 - ICAP (internal assessment used by DDA if needed)

DDA Eligibility Categories

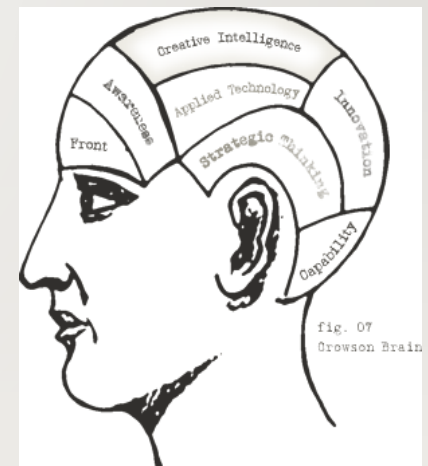
RCW and current DDA WACs identify five different & “permanent” eligibility categories (ages 4+):

- Intellectual Disability (ID)
- Cerebral Palsy (CP)
- Epilepsy
- Autism
- Another neurological or other condition similar to Intellectual Disability



DDA-WAC requirements for the category of **Intellectual Disability (ID)**

- Diagnosis of ID by a licensed psychologist OR a “finding” of ID from a certified school psychologist
- Full Scale IQ (FSIQ) of 69 or below (depending on the test used)
- Adaptive score of 69 or below
 - Vineland Assessment
 - ABAS Assessment (Adaptive Behavior Assessment System)



DDA-WAC requirements for the category of **Cerebral Palsy**

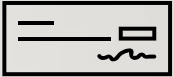
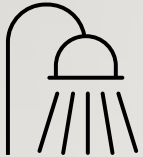
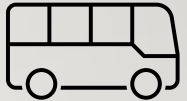
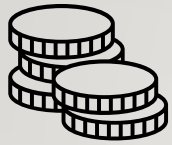
- Diagnosis by a licensed physician of CP or similar brain damage that causes: Quadriplegia, Hemiplegia, or Diplegia
- Evidence of onset prior to age three
- Daily need for direct physical assistance in 2 or more areas:
 - Toileting
 - Bathing
 - Eating
 - Dressing
 - Mobility
 - Communication



DDA-WAC requirements for the category of Autism?

- Evidence of onset prior to the age of 3
- If diagnosis is per DSM-5, additional info is required:
 - Severity level of 2 or higher in BOTH columns of the severity level scale
 - FSIQ of 84 or below OR verification that FSIQ cannot be determined due to severity of condition.
- Adaptive score of 69 or below
 - Vineland Assessment
 - ABAS Assessment (Adaptive Behavior Assessment System)

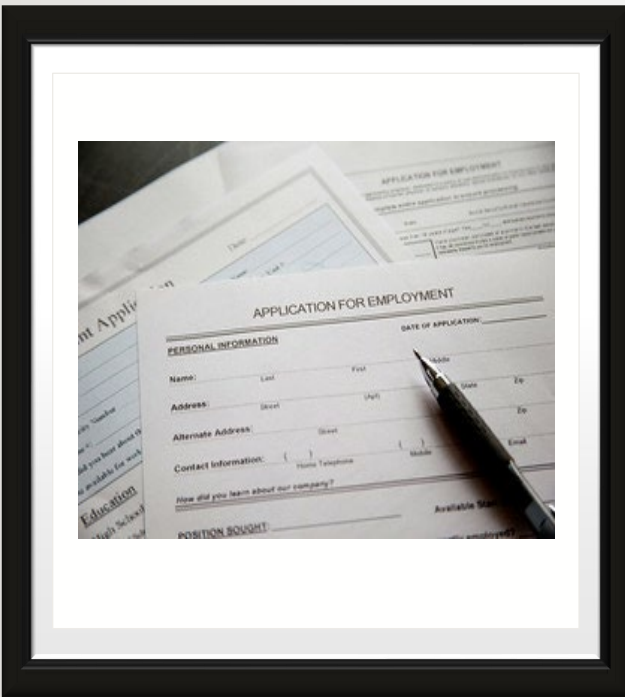
Adaptive Assessment Tips



- For Adaptive testing, rate your child as if they have no support from you, staff or environment.
- What can your child do WITHOUT you? (not with you)
- DDA looks at both the Teacher rating score & the Parent rating score

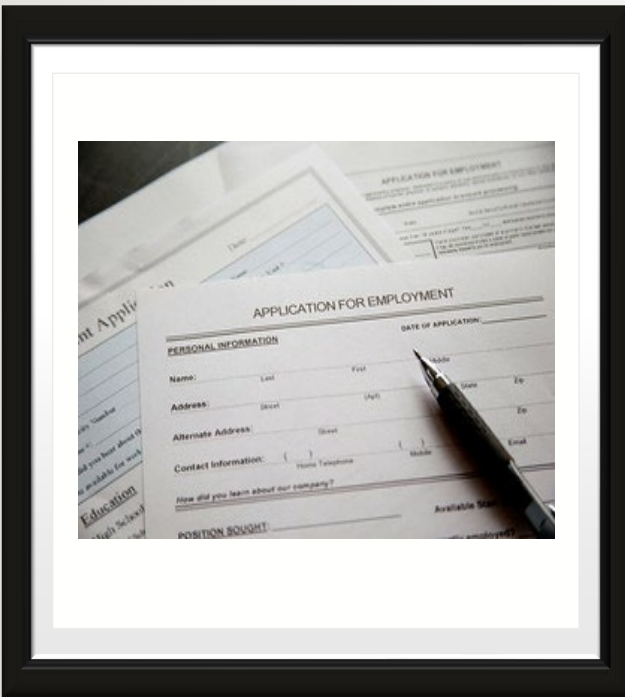


What are the steps in the DDA application process?



- Applicant signs & submits a DDA Application (3 pages)
- DDA will assist with getting documentation BUT it's much quicker if you can get it! (ie: *Autism diagnostic paperwork*)
- Process can take up to 90 days
- Applicant must live in WA State to be eligible.
- DDA will accept a Washington address as “attestation” of residency in the state.

Steps continued...



- Applicant will receive written notice (Planned Action Notice) regarding eligibility decision.
- Applicant has the right to appeal if they disagree with eligibility determination and forms are included with the PAN.
- Contact information for DDA is provided on PAN.
- DDA eligibility does not guarantee access to a paid service from DDA.

When does my DDA eligibility expire?

- DDA eligibility expires at the following times:
 - On 4th birthday (*for all clients made eligible prior to age 3*)
 - On the 10th birthday (*for all clients eligible under Developmental Delay*)
- Clients are sent notice of expiration at 6 months & 90 days prior to expiration (*make sure your contact info stays up to date!*)
- Paid services are terminated upon expiration
- Clients must complete reapplication materials & send to DDA. If reapplication is not received within 60 days of expiration, client's DDA eligibility expires, and the reapplication is treated as a new intake application.



When does my DDA review my eligibility?

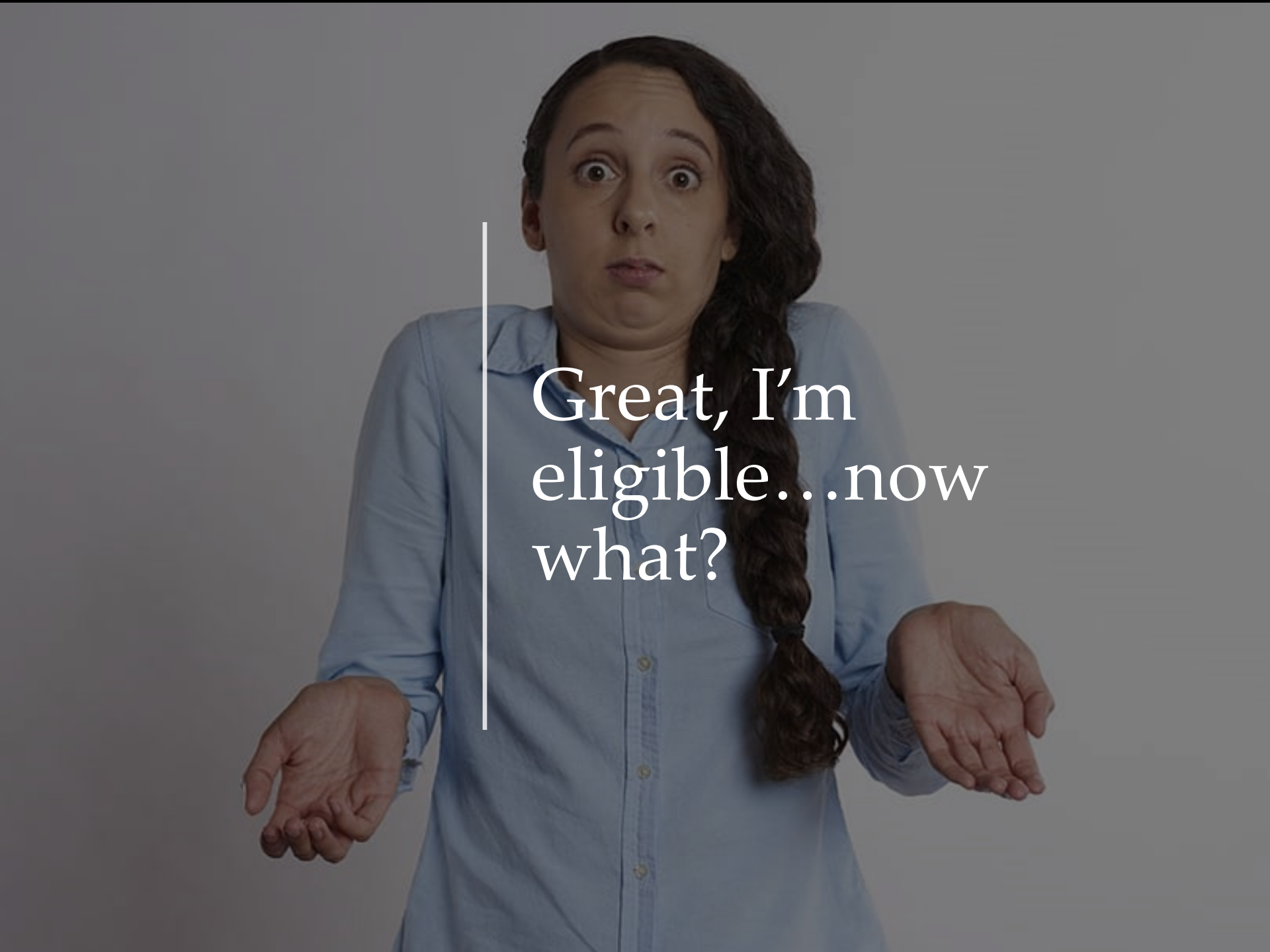
- At age 19 (all clients) unless the initial determination was made at age 16 or older

OR

- Prior to authorization of paid services if the client is age 19 or older and the most recent determination was completed PRIOR to June 1, 2005

OR

- At any age when there is evidence that the current eligibility determination is based on insufficient, mistaken, or fraudulent information.
- Clients are sent notice of eligibility review at age 19
- Clients must return consent forms for DDA to obtain updated info
 - If client does not return consent forms, DDA makes an eligibility determination based on info available (usually on file).

A woman with long, dark, curly hair in a braid, wearing a light blue button-down shirt, stands against a plain grey background. She has a wide-eyed, open-mouthed expression of shock or confusion, and her hands are held out at shoulder height, palms up, in a shrugging gesture. A vertical white line is positioned to the left of the text.

Great, I'm
eligible...now
what?

Requesting Services

- Access to paid services starts with a **contacting the Service & Request Information Line:**



Call 1-800-974-4428



Email: R2ServiceRequestB@dshs.wa.gov



Online form: [Service and Information Request | DSHS \(wa.gov\)](https://www.dshs.wa.gov/service-and-information-request)

- When you contact DDA to request services, include **client's name**, DOB, and (if known) the **service being requested** (*ie: respite care, residential, supported employment, medical equipment, etc*).
- A DDA case manager will contact the client/family to schedule an assessment (PCA=Personal Care Assessment) typically in home

Community First Choice (CFC)

Who is eligible for CFC?

- Client is financially eligible for Categorically Needy (CN) Medicaid, and
- Client is functionally eligible based on DDA or LTC Assessment
- Children with CN Medicaid can receive CFC services regardless of DDA eligibility

Who can provide CFC services?

Individual Providers (IP), Home Care Agencies

What services can be provided with CFC?

Personal Care, Relief Care, Skills Acquisition Training, Personal Emergency Response Systems (PERS), Assistive Technology/Equipment (AT/E), and Caregiver Management Training, Nurse Delegation & Community Transition Services.

Personal Care is a service that provide assistance in the following **Activities of Daily Living** (ADLs):

- ✓ Bathing
- ✓ Bed Mobility
- ✓ Dressing
- ✓ Eating
- ✓ Locomotion
- ✓ Toilet Use
- ✓ Transfer
- ✓ Personal Hygiene
- ✓ Med Management
- ✓ Body Care



What
services are
not
included
with
Personal
Care?

- Childcare
- Respite
- Yard work
- Skilled nursing services
- Services provided over the phone
- Services to assist other non-eligible household members
- Pet care
- Managing finances

Home and Community Based Waivers

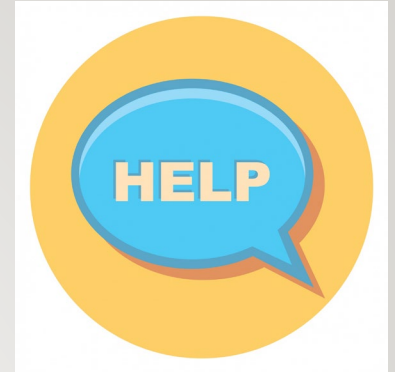
- DDA offers 5 Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Waivers:
 - Basic Plus
 - Children's Intensive In-home Behavioral Supports (CIIBS)
 - Community Protection
 - Core
 - Individual and Family Services (IFS).
- Each of the 5 waivers provides an array of services tailored to the specific populations they serve. Waiver services provide additional support when Medicaid state plan services and other supports are not sufficient.
- For **much more detailed** info about waivers (funding, services, qualifications, etc), please visit the [Informing Families website](#)

What are some services are available through waivers?

- Assistive Technology
- Staff and Family Consultation
- Respite
- Specialized Habilitation
- Community Engagement
- Wellness Education.

[Washington Administrative Code](#) explains in depth what services are available on each waiver.

Who can help?



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Application Workshop

Apply 3 different ways:

 Hard Copy

 E-mail electronic or scanned application

 Via Smartphone
(email the address below to request the mobile friendly application)



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