

DDS Children's Services Division (CSD)

CSD is an in-home support program for individuals from 8 years of age through the age of 20.

- Individuals must demonstrate a need that is greater than support offered by the community, state and/or federal programs.
- This is not an entitlement program and funding for the program is only within available appropriations.
- Program support typically includes waived services. Examples can include Behavior Supports, Individualized Home Supports (IHS) and Respite.

CSD aims to increase the capacity within the family unit, through skill-building, to effectively manage and support your child's most challenging needs while creating and reinforcing positive interactions.

Eligibility for the CSD Program

- Must be made prior to the age of 18, and be eligible for DDS services, which includes determining an intellectual and/or developmental disability (ID/D).
- If your child has a co-occurring diagnosis of autism and ID/D, a referral to Carelon Behavioral Health is required. Please contact 1-877-552-8247.
- Must be affected by one of the following hardships:
 - The child has significant medical needs beyond current nursing services, authorized through insurance.
 - The child has physical disabilities with an extraordinary need for support with Activities of Daily Living (ADLs) beyond current home health aide services, authorized through insurance.
 - The child has challenging behavioral needs, not related to a mental health diagnosis or a mood disorder that results in the functional impairment of the child. The child's behavioral limitations must interfere with their functioning in the family or community activities, pose a risk to the health and safety of themselves and others, and interfere with their ability to achieve goals and make progress.

***Service requests for out-of-home placement will not be considered for this program.**

How to apply

- Please complete a DDS application, which can be found at <https://portal.ct.gov/dds>
- Once eligible for DDS services, please contact your Regional Help Line to apply for the CSD
- DDS Regional Help Lines: North Region Help Line: 1-877-437-4577 | South Region Help Line: 1-877-437-4567 | West Region Help Line: 1-877-491-2720.

For additional information please email: DDS.CSD.General@ct.gov