SUPPORTED LIVING

Supported Living services are intended to assist a person to live independently. Individual's needs are identified through a person-centered planning process; services include supported employment, habilitation, pre-vocational services, respite, and personal emergency response systems.

RESOURCE CENTERS

Resource Centers extend their services to people with disabilities, their families, providers, professionals, and other state agencies and are designed to build capacity of community providers. Services include, but are not limited to training, curriculum development, technical assistance, and consultation. Services also include short-term intensive treatment intervention for people with complex medical and behavioral needs to allow individuals to remain in their community setting through the use of assessments, behavioral supports, psychiatric consultation, family support and education, allied health supports, and other services critical to living successfully in the community.

INTERMEDIATE CARE FACILITIES FOR PERSONS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES (ICF/DD)

ICF/DD provide active treatment services and supports in a 24-hour residential setting, including ongoing evaluation, planning, and coordination/ integration of health and habilitative services and supports. ICF/DD services are provided in a range of residential settings, including privately-operated community homes (up to six people), group homes (nine to 15 people), small facilities (16 to 32 people), and private or publically-operated large institutions (33 or more people).



WAIVER SERVICES

Medicaid Home and Community-Based Waiver programs allow people greater flexibility to choose where they want to live and to use service and supports that best suit their needs. Services are provided in the home or in the community and must represent a least restrictive treatment alternative.

Children's Choice Waiver offers supplemental support to children through age 18 who currently live at home with their families or with foster families. Funding is received for support coordination, family supports, center-based respite, family training, environmental accessibility adaptations (including vehicles), specialized medical equipment and supplies, housing stabilization services, housing stabilization transition services, and therapy services including aquatic therapy, art therapy, music therapy, hippotherapy/therapeutic horseback riding, sensory integration, and applied behavioral analysis.

New Opportunities Waiver offers individuals age three and older supports that include individual and family supports (day and night), community integration and development, environmental accessibility adaptations, assistive devices, specialized medical equipment and supplies, supported living, substitute family care, day habilitation or supported employment with transportation, employment-related training, professional services, personal emergency response systems, skilled nursing services, center-based respite, one-time transitional services, self-direction option, housing stabilization transition services, and housing stabilization services.

Supports Waiver offers people age 18 and older services that include supported employment, day habilitation, pre-vocational services respite, habilitation, permanent supportive housing stabilization, permanent supportive housing stabilization transition, and personal emergency response systems.

Residential Options Waiver (ROW) offers individuals of all ages, services designed to support them to move from ICF/DD and nursing facilities to community-based settings and to serve as an alternative to institutionalization. ROW services include residential services (e.g., host home and shared living), vocational services (e.g., day habilitation and supported employment), support services (e.g., support coordination, one-time transition services, respite-out of home), and professional services (e.g., speech therapy and psychology).



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WHAT IS A DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY?

A developmental disability means either:

A severe, chronic disability of a person that:

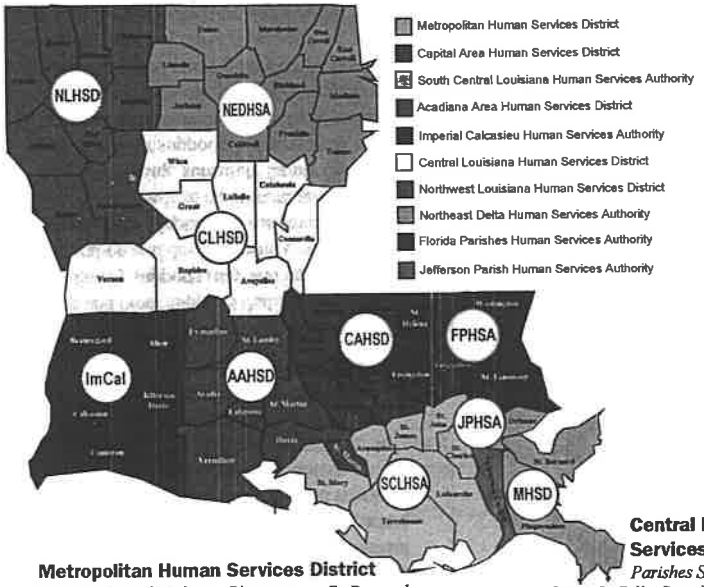
- is attributable to an intellectual or physical impairment or combination of intellectual and physical impairments;
- is manifested before the person reaches age 22;
- is likely to continue indefinitely;
- results in substantial functional limitations in three or more of the following areas of major life activity: self-care, receptive and expressive language, learning, mobility, self direction, capacity for independent living, economic self-sufficiency;
- is not attributed solely to mental illness;
- reflects the person's need for a combination and sequence of special, interdisciplinary, or generic care, treatment, or other services of lifelong or extended duration, and are individually planned and coordinated

— OR —

A substantial developmental delay or specific congenital or acquired condition in a person from birth through age nine, who, without support and services, has a high probability of resulting in those criteria (listed above) later in life that may be considered to be a developmental disability.

If you believe you or a member of your family may meet these criteria and need services, you may apply at a local district or authority *(see map)*.

The Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities is committed to ensuring quality services and supports, offering information and opportunities that provide choices to people of Louisiana with developmental disabilities and their families.



- Metropolitan Human Services District
- Capital Area Human Services District
- South Central Louisiana Human Services Authority
- Acadiana Area Human Services District
- Imperial Calcasieu Human Services Authority
- Central Louisiana Human Services District
- Northwest Louisiana Human Services District
- Northeast Delta Human Services Authority
- Florida Parishes Human Services Authority
- Jefferson Parish Human Services Authority

This map shows Louisiana parishes grouped by districts or authorities.

Contact information for all districts and authorities are shown below.

Application for services can be started with a phone call or a visit to your local district or authority office.

Metropolitan Human Services District
Parishes Served: Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard
3100 General De Gaulle Drive, New Orleans, LA 70114
Phone: (504) 568-3130

Capital Area Human Services District
Parishes Served: Ascension, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Iberville Pointe Coupe, West Baton Rouge, West Feliciana
4615 Government St., Bldg. 2, Baton Rouge, LA 70806
Phone: (225) 925-1910 Toll Free: 1-866-628-2133

South Central Human Services Authority
Parishes Served: Assumption, Lafourche, St. Charles, St. James, St. John, St. Mary, Terrebonne
5593 Highway 311, Houma, LA 70360
Phone: (985) 876-8805 Toll Free: 1-800-861-0241

Acadiana Area Human Services District
Parishes Served: Acadia, Evangeline, Iberia, Lafayette, St. Landry, St. Martin, Vermilion
302 Dulles Drive, Lafayette, LA 70506
Phone: (337) 262-5610 Toll Free: 1-800-648-1484

Imperial Calcasieu Human Services Authority
Parishes Served: Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, Jefferson Davis
One Lakeshore Drive, Ste. 2000, Lake Charles, LA 70607
Phone: (337) 475-3100 Toll Free: 1-800-631-8810

Central Louisiana Human Services District
Parishes Served: Avoyelles, Catahoula, Concordia, Grant, LaSalle, Rapides, Vernon, Winn
429 Murray St., Ste. B, Alexandria, LA 71301
Phone: (318) 484-2347 Toll Free: 1-800-640-7494

Northwest Louisiana Human Services District
Parishes Served: Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, Claiborne, DeSoto, Natchitoches, Red River, Sabine, Webster
3018 Old Minden Road, Ste. 1211, Bossier, LA 71112
Phone: (318) 741-7455 Toll Free: 1-800-862-1409

Northeast Delta Human Services Authority
Parishes Served: Caldwell, East Carroll, Franklin, Jackson, Lincoln, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland, Tensas, Union, West Carroll
2513 Ferrand St., Monroe, LA 71201
Phone: (318) 362-3396 Toll Free: 1-800-637-3113

Florida Parishes Human Services Authority
Parishes Served: Livingston, St. Helena, St. Tammany, Washington, Tangipahoa
835 Pride Drive, Ste. B, Hammond, LA 70401
Phone: (985) 543-4730 Toll Free: 1-800-866-0806

Jefferson Parish Human Services Authority
Parish Served: Jefferson
3616 S. I-10 Service Road, 2nd Floor, Metairie, LA 70001
Phone: (504) 838-5357

The OCDD serves as the Single Point of Entry into the developmental disabilities services system and oversees public and private residential services and other services for people with developmental disabilities.

To apply for services, call or visit a local human services district or authority. See your local contact information listed to the left.

The following are brief descriptions of services:

FLEXIBLE FAMILY FUND

OCDD provides monthly stipends to families of eligible children with severe or profound developmental disabilities from birth to age 18 to help families meet extraordinary costs.

EARLYSTEPS

Louisiana's early intervention system for children with disabilities and developmental delay ages birth to three, provides speech-language, occupational and physical therapies, special instruction, assistive technology, service coordination, audiology and vision services, social work services, psychology services, family training, nutritional services, transportation; and medical, health and nursing services. For eligibility determination for the EarlySteps program call 1-866-327-5978.

INDIVIDUAL AND FAMILY SUPPORT

Individual and Family Support provides assistance not available from any other resource. These services include respite care, personal assistance services, specialized clothing, dental and medical services, equipment and supplies, communication services, crisis intervention, specialized utility costs, specialized nutrition, and family education. Services are provided through contractual agreements by private provider agencies or through individualized agreements with individuals and families who obtain their own service providers.