**OFFICE OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY**

**SUPPORTS AND SERVICES (ODDS)**

The Office of Developmental Disability Services (ODDS) provides supports and services to children and adults with developmental disabilities that meet [eligible for services](http://www.oregon.gov/dhs/DD/pages/eligibility/home.aspx) criteria. Individuals that are eligible and their families can access generic and specialized services to provide the support, based on the individual needs of the person, to be able to live with as much independence as possible. Services and supports may range from information and referral, to case management or hourly services, to maximum supports that provide 24-hour care.

Developmental disabilities include intellectual disabilities, cerebral palsy, Down's syndrome, autism, traumatic brain injuries, certain neurological impairments and other impairments of the brain that occur during childhood. Some people with developmental disabilities also have significant medical or mental health needs.

ODDS offers supports to children and families ranging from in-home family support, intensive in-home supports, and out of home, 24-hour services delivered by proctor/foster care or residential care providers (agency run homes). Services offered have specific eligibility standards and are usually accessed through the local [Community Developmental Disabilities Programs](http://www.oregon.gov/dhs/DD/pages/county/county_programs.aspx) (CDDP).

Services for adults range from [Brokerage Support Services](http://www.oregon.gov/dhs/DD/pages/adults/supports.aspx) to assist an individual to live in their own home or with family or friends, to [24-hour comprehensive services](http://www.oregon.gov/dhs/DD/pages/adults/residential.aspx). Services offered have specific eligibility standards and are accessed through the local [Community Developmental Disabilities Programs](http://www.oregon.gov/dhs/DD/pages/county/county_programs.aspx) (CDDP).

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| **Developmental Disabilities Eligibility**Article Content**What is a developmental disability?** Developmental disability means a neurological condition that: * Must have its origin in and directly affect the brain
* Must be established prior to the age of 22, or in the case of mental retardation the condition must be determined before 18 years of age
* Must be expected to last indefinitely
* Must result in significant impairments in at least two areas of daily functioning: self-care, communication, cognitive, mobility, self-direction, capacity for independent living and economic self sufficiency
* The impairments must not be primarily related to: mental illness, substance abuse, an emotional disorder, Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), a learning disability or sensory impairment

The most common developmental disabilities include: mental retardation, Down syndrome, autism, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, and fetal alcohol effect or fetal alcohol syndrome. **How is eligibility determined?** Each Community Developmental Disability Program (CDDP) is responsible for determining eligibility. The eligibility worker in your county will assist you through the eligibility process and help you obtain the necessary documents that will be needed to see if you are eligible. Once the eligibility worker has collected all the necessary information, he or she will review it to see if you qualify.*Eligibility for school age children uses the same criteria as adults.*   **How long does it take to determine if I am eligible?** It depends. If the necessary documents are readily available, a decision could be made in a matter of days. If new testing is required, or documents are needed from various sources, it could take longer. Before you can receive any funded services through the CDDP you must be determined eligible. Once a determination of your eligibility has been made you will receive a letter in the mail indicating the eligibility decision. **Is there an appeal process if I’m not found eligible?** Yes, if you are dissatisfied with eligibility determination, you may request a contested case hearing. The process of requesting is outlined within your notification for eligibility.  **How do I apply for developmental disabilities services?** To apply, contact the [Community Developmental Disabilities Program](http://www.oregon.gov/dhs/DD/pages/county/county_programs.aspx) in your county who will assist you with the application process. The list of county offices is included in this section. The application is available in English, Spanish, Russian and Vietnamese. <http://www.oregon.gov/dhs/DD/pages/county/county_programs.aspx> Anyone can make a referral to a Community Developmental Disabilities Program with the permission of the individual or his or her legal representative.  |