

## 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.

## Our Mission

The Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities (OCDD) is committed to quality services and supports, information, and opportunities for choice to people of Louisiana with developmental disabilities and their families.

## Services

The OCDD serves as the Single Point of Entry into the developmental disabilities services system. **To apply for services, call or visit your regional district/authority office based on parish of residence (see back page).**

*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; medical, health, and nursing services; audiology and vision services; social work services; psychology services; family training; nutritional services; and transportation. For eligibility determination for the EarlySteps program call 1-866-EarlySteps (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.

## SUPPORTED LIVING

Supported Living services are intended to assist a person 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, distribution of resource materials, technical assistance, and consultation. Services also include intensive treatment intervention to allow individuals to remain in their community setting through the use of assessments, behavioral supports, psychiatric services, family support and education, support coordination, and other services critical to living successfully in the community. This treatment approach is supplied by individually designed Community Support Teams (CST).

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

ICFs/DD provide active treatment services and supports in a 24-hour residential setting, including ongoing evaluation; planning; and coordination/integration of health and rehabilitative services and supports. ICFs/DD services are provided in a range of residential settings, including privately-operated community homes (up to 6 people), group homes (9-15 people), small facilities (16-32 people) and private or publically-operated large (33+) institutions.

## 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, environmental accessibility adaptations (including vehicles), and family training.

**New Opportunities Waiver** offers individuals age 3 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; and one-time transitional services.

**Supports Waiver** offers people age 18 and older services that include: supported employment; day habilitation; prevocational services; respite; habilitation; and personal emergency response systems.

**Residential Options Waiver (ROW)** offers individuals of all ages services designed to support them to move from ICFs/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).

## REGIONAL CONTACT INFORMATION

### Region 1: Metropolitan Human Services District

*Parishes Served: Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard*  
1010 Common St., New Orleans, LA 70112  
**Phone: (504) 599-0245 Toll Free: 1-800-889-2975**

### Region 2: Capital Area Human Services District

*Parishes Served: Ascension, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Iberville Pointe Coupe, West Baton Rouge, West Feliciana*  
4615 Government St., Building 2, Baton Rouge, LA 70806  
**Phone: (225) 925-1910 Toll Free: 1-800-768-8824**

### Region 3: South Central Human Services Authority

*Parishes Served: Assumption, La Fourche, St. Charles, St. James, St. John, St. Mary, Terrebonne*  
1000 Plantation Road Suite E Thibodaux, LA 70301  
**Phone: (985) 449-5167 Toll Free: 1-800-861-0241**

### Region 4: Acadiana Area Human Services District

*Parishes Served: Acadia, Evangeline, Iberia, Lafayette, St. Landry, St. Martin, Vermillion*  
202 Dulles Dr., Lafayette, LA 70506  
**Phone: (337) 262-5610 Toll Free: 1-800-648-1484**

### Region 5: Imperial Calcasieu Human Services Authority

*Parishes Served: Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, Jefferson Davis*  
3501 5th Ave., Suite C2, Lake Charles, LA 70607  
**Phone: (337) 475-8045 Toll Free: 1-800-631-8810**

### Region 6: Central Louisiana Human Services Authority

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

### Region 7: Northwest Louisiana Human Services District

*Parishes Served: Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, Claiborne, De Soto, Natchitoches, Red River, Sabine, Webster*  
3018 Old Minden Rd., Suite 1211, Bossier, LA 71112  
**Phone: (318) 741-7455 Toll Free: 1-800-862-1409**

### Region 8: 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**

### Region 9: Florida Parishes Human Services Authority

*Parishes Served: Livingston, St. Helena, St. Tammany, Washington, Tangipahoa*  
835 Pride Drive-Suite B, Hammond, La 70401.  
**Phone: (985) 543-4730 Toll Free: 1-800-866-0806**

### Region 10: Jefferson Parish Human Services Authority

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

For more information visit the OCDD website at:  
[www.ocdd.dhh.louisiana.gov](http://www.ocdd.dhh.louisiana.gov)