

Eligibility Policy

Delaware County Board of Developmental Disabilities

Board Review Date: August 18, 2011
Board Resolution # 11-08-10
Effective Date: October 19, 2006 (Original)
Reviewing Department Support Administration – Jennifer McCleese

Purpose: Provide consistency to determine eligibility for Delaware County Board of Developmental Disabilities (DCBDD) services based on Ohio Administrative Rule 5123:2-1-02, County Board Administration.

Any individual requesting services for DCBDD must complete eligibility assessments and provide DCBDD with documents supporting delays/disability.

Timelines: Eligibility will be determined within 45 calendar days after necessary information has been received. Once eligibility has been determined a county board staff will be assigned within 10 business days. After assigning a county board staff, families will be contacted within 10 business days, to set up an initial appointment.

Eligibility determinations can be initiated at any time, reassessments (OEDI/COEDI) will occur at age 6, 16, and as determined by the Director of Support Administration.

When an eligible individual is on 06 (no county board contact) and not receiving current services they will be contacted on a yearly basis. If families are contacted for three consecutive years and no services are warranted they will be terminated from the system until such time services are needed again.

Eligibility Criteria:

To be eligible to receive services and supports from the Delaware County Board of Developmental Disabilities an individual must meet the following:

1. Be a resident of Delaware County. The county residence of a child shall be determined in accordance with ORC 3313.64. In the case of a child placed out of the parent's home, the county responsible for developmental disability services shall be the same as ORC 2151.362
2. Meet the Eligibility criteria of "Developmental Disability" as defined in OAC 5123:2-1-02.

Once an eligible individual establishes residency in Delaware County they are eligible to begin receiving locally funded services and supports based on available resources. If there are not adequate local resources or capacity, the individual shall be placed on a waiting list for services. The one exception to this rule is that adults are not eligible to receive rent subsidies until they have been a resident for one year.

Individuals who are interested in moving to Delaware County and receiving developmental disability services should do so in a coordinated fashion which starts with contacting the

Delaware County D.D. Intake Department. If moving within Ohio from one county board of D.D. to another, the process should be coordinated through the exiting county's support administration department so that once residency is established the records can be transferred and arrangements can be made to coordinate services. This is especially important when transferring a Medicaid Waiver.

If an individual moves to Delaware County without advanced service planning and does so in an attempt to create an emergency situation, they will not move ahead of Delaware County residents who have been waiting on services and the consequence of their actions will not be treated as an emergency.

Ages birth through age two:

Eligibility for Early Intervention (Part C of IDEA) includes infants and toddlers, birth through two years who:

- a. Are experiencing a developmental delay defined as a -1.5 standard deviation in one or more areas of development (cognitive, fine motor, gross motor, receptive, communication, expressive communication, social or emotional, and/or adaptive) OR
- b. Are determined eligible by the developmental evaluation team using informed clinical opinion (application of the evaluator's professional knowledge and skills); OR
- c. Are diagnosed with a physical or mental condition that has a high probability of resulting in developmental delay

~~Exit children from Early Intervention even with medical diagnosis if skills are determined age appropriate and monitor as necessary.~~

Age 3 through 6 –

A child is eligible for Support Administration through the DCBDD if they meet one of the following criteria:

- A. The Delaware County Board determines a child eligible for county board services if they meet eligibility for special needs preschool based on MFE (multi factored evaluation) through their local school district. For educational preschool services the child must be determined eligible through their local school district. Placement in the DCBDD preschool program is determined through the teaming process with the local school district.

OR
- B. A professional diagnosis of a condition known to cause developmental delays, such as down syndrome, Spina Bifida.

OR
- C. A documented delay, based on standardized testing, with evidence of a documented delay with a standard deviation of -2 or two documented delays with a standard deviation of -1.5.

If a child is no longer on an IEP they will be terminated from services unless they have an independent evaluation stating eligibility based on standard deviations (see eligibility policy). Termination will occur 30 days after no longer on an IEP so services can be transitioned to another funding avenue.

Ages 6 through 16 –

A child is eligible for SSA/FDR services if they meet the following criteria:

- Meet developmental disability criteria based on the results of the Children’s Ohio Eligibility Determination Instrument (COEDI) with documentation that verifies
 - one or more developmental disabilities
 - a disability that is known to last throughout the lifetime and
 - Substantial limitation in three of the following **six** areas: mobility, capacity for independent living, self care, self direction, receptive and expressive language and learning.

Speech Delay’s - If a child has a diagnosed speech delay and an individual education plan with speech goals, not just consultation, then we will continue on with the eligibility determination to determine whether or not there are three substantial limitations present.

If there is a speech delay that does not warrant educational services then the Delaware County Board will not continue on with our assessment and no diagnosis will be documented.

Ages 16 through adult –

An individual is eligible for SSA services if they meet the following criteria:

- Meet developmental disability criteria based on the results of the Ohio Eligibility Determination Instrument (OEDI) with documentation that verifies
 - one or more developmental disabilities
 - a disability that is known to last throughout the lifetime and
 - Substantial limitation in three of the following **seven** areas: mobility, capacity for independent living, self care, self direction, receptive and expressive language, learning and economic self sufficiency.

Annually, the eligibility committee will review all children age 11 and all adults age 23 to determine whether reassessment is warranted. The Intake Coordinator will track these as directed by the Director of Transition Supports.