

Early Intervention Funding Policy

Delaware County Board of Developmental Disabilities

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Purpose:

To inspire, empower and support children to achieve their full potential. To outline funding options for children, birth through age two, served by the Delaware County Board of Developmental Disabilities (DCBDD).

Guidelines:

Early Intervention is supports and resources that assist family members/caregivers to enhance their child’s learning and development through everyday learning opportunities. Early Intervention services and supports are designed to assist infants and toddlers with developmental disabilities achieve full inclusion to live, learn, play, and participate in their communities.

Individuals must meet eligibility criteria prior to accessing services as specified in accordance with the definition of "developmental delay". For children under age three, developmental delay shall be established in accordance with Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20 U.S.C. 1431 through 1445, as in effect on the effective date of this rule, 34 C.F.R. 303.10, as in effect on the effective date of this rule, and rules promulgated by the Ohio Department of Health as stated in O.A.C 5123:2-1-04 and O.A.C. 3701-8 Help Me Grow Program.

Early Intervention services shall be designed to meet the needs of the family related to enhancing the child's development and participation in family life and will be supported by an outcome on the Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP). Early Intervention services are provided in natural environments, places where children live, learn and play, and also include children’s routines, or what children do, as they participate in their everyday life at home and in their community.

Payment for services/supports shall be delivered as outlined in an IFSP. Payment shall not exceed the rate established in the Provider Specific Contract for the same or similar service and shall not exceed the Payment Authorization for Service (PAS), as specified for the individual child. Service payment balances in excess of the contracted rate are not the responsibility of DCBDD.

All billing shall be submitted after date of the service. All invoices must be received within 90 days of the date of service in order to be processed and paid.

Local Funding:

DCBDD provides Early Intervention services for eligible children birth through age two. Families will be assigned a Service Coordinator and a Developmental Specialist, who are responsible for coordination of Board supports and services related to enhancing their child’s development.

Local levy funds may be used for the following purposes:

1. To pay for services specified on the IFSP, based on assessed need in natural environments.
2. To pay the local match for waiver services.
3. Natural supports such as; family, friends, neighbors, and other community resources are also encouraged either alone or in combination with local funding, as well as private insurance and other public funded resources, in order to maximize services for the individual child and family,

and to broaden the range and scope of available services.

DCBDD will assist individuals/families in accessing a provider willing to provide services in natural environments. Local levy funds may be used, if alternative funding is not available to pay for a provider willing to provide services in a natural environment.

Funding Limits and Authorization Levels of local funding:

Services and supports shall be identified through a zero based budgeting process.

Service Coordinators and Developmental Specialists have the authority to approve annualized individual budgets based on the following amounts of local funding. Annual local funding is based on individualized needs and identified through a triage assessment:

- Level 1- Extraordinary Need: up to \$6,000 (+\$528 for initial assessments)
- Level 2- Significant Need: up to \$5,000 (+\$528 for initial assessments)
- Level 3- Low Need: up to \$2,500 (+\$528 for initial assessments)

The above triage funding levels are for initial assessments, therapies, respite, therapeutic equipment and/or nutritional supplements (up to \$1,000) and \$500 for Community inclusion activities.

Families may also access up to \$2,000 for modification/adaptations.

In order for a child to receive triage 1 funding, if there are identified waiver service needs, the family needs to place their child on the Level One Waiver waiting list and agree to accept waiver services when offered. If the family does not agree to waiver services when offered, their child is moved to triage 2 funding.

Due Process and Resolution of Complaints:

Assurances for procedural safeguards required by Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20 U.S.C. 1431 through 1445, as in effect on the effective date of this rule, 34 C.F.R. Part 303, Subpart E, as in effect on the effective date of this rule, and rules promulgated by the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) and the Ohio Department of Health as stated in O.A.C 5123:2-1-04 and O.A.C. 3701-8 Help Me Grow Program. Written copies of the Early Intervention Parent's Rights are given to the family at intake and annually.