



**Delaware County Board of
Developmental Disabilities**

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Eligibility

Purpose

To ensure that all individuals who utilize Delaware County Board of Developmental Disabilities (DCBDD) services meet the eligibility requirements outlined in Ohio Administrative Rule 5123-4-01, Administration and operation of county boards of developmental disabilities.

Policy

Eligibility Criteria

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

Be a resident of Delaware County. The county residence of an individual 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.

Ages birth through age five:

All individuals requesting an eligibility assessment must verify the presence of developmental delay(s) and must participate in the assessment process. “Developmental delay” means that a child has not reached developmental milestones expected for the child's chronological age as measured by qualified professionals using appropriate diagnostic instruments and/or procedures.

For children birth through age two, the child must have at least one developmental delay of at least one and one-half standard deviations below the mean, or the equivalent determined through informed clinical opinion, in adaptive, cognitive, communication, physical, or social and emotional development, OR a diagnosed physical or mental condition that has a high probability of resulting in a developmental delay

For children age three through age five, the child must have at least two developmental delays in the following areas of development: physical development, cognitive development, communication development, social or emotional development, and adaptive development

Ages six or older:

All individuals requesting an eligibility assessment must verify the presence of a developmental disability and must participate in the assessment process.

"Developmental disability" means a severe, chronic disability that is characterized by all of the following:

- It is attributable to a mental or physical impairment or a combination of mental and physical impairments, other than a mental or physical impairment solely caused by mental illness as defined in ORC 5122.01;
- It is manifested before age twenty-two;
- It is likely to continue indefinitely;
- It results in a substantial functional limitation in at least three of the following areas of major life activity, as appropriate for the person's age: self-care, receptive and expressive language, learning, mobility, self-direction, capacity for independent living, and, if the person is age sixteen or older, capacity for economic self-sufficiency; and
- It causes the person to need a combination and sequence of special, interdisciplinary, or other type of care, treatment, or provision of services for an extended period of time that is individually planned and coordinated for the person.

Eligibility will be determined within 45 calendar days of the request for services or after all necessary information has been received. DCBDD will complete reassessments minimally as required and may reassess eligibility at any time.

Rule Reference: OAC 5123-4-01, OAC 5123-10-02; ORC 3313.64, ORC 2151.362, ORC 5122.01

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