



FACT SHEET:

What is DDDS?

The Division of Developmental Disabilities Services provides services and supports for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities to support them in their home and community. DDDS uses a person-centered approach to assist individuals with identifying services, supports, and resources to support the family's vision and goals.

How do I apply for services or find out if I qualify?

To apply for services or to determine if you may qualify, please contact our Office of Applicant Services by calling (302) 744-9700 or you can visit the DDDS webpage <https://www.dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/ddds> to download an application and instructions on applying. Applications to DDDS can be submitted as early as age 3 and it is never too late to apply. DDDS services are voluntary for individuals who meet the eligibility criteria.

How are services provided?

Services are delivered through an Authorized Provider Network, which are agencies and organizations authorized by the State to deliver services. Delaware operates Medicaid Home and Community Based Service Waivers to fund a variety of Home and Community Based Services. DDDS operates the §1915 (c) Home and Community-Based Medicaid Waiver, known as the Lifespan Waiver, which is one funding source for services. The Lifespan Waiver offers an array of supports and services designed to support an individual as they age across their lifespan. Some individuals who are eligible for DDDS receive services through another Medicaid Program named Diamond State Health Plan Plus (DSHP+) 1115 Medicaid Waiver (sometimes referred to as LTSS). DDDS employs a Family Resource Coordination Unit to assist individuals and families enrolled in the DSHP+ Waiver, and eligible for DDDS, with resource coordination. DDDS operates a Medicaid program known as Pathways to Employment that offers an array of services through an Authorized Provider Network to support eligible individuals with obtaining and maintaining competitive employment. It's important to know that an application to DDDS is not an application for services; waiver programs such as Lifespan and DSHP+ have a separate eligibility and enrollment process. Individuals can apply for Pathways to Employment as early as age 14 without a DDDS eligibility determination.

Have Questions?

We're here to help! The Division of Developmental Disabilities Services recognizes the challenges individuals and families face and values a person's right to live, love, work, play and pursue their dreams and life goals in their community. DDDS believes in an individualized approach to assist individuals and families with developing a person-centered plan to support individuals and families with addressing their needs and supporting their goals across various life domains and stages.

DDDS Regional Community Service Offices:

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Sussex County Phone (302) 933-3110

Kent County Phone (302) 744-1110

Office of Applicant Services Phone (302) 744-9700

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