



Basic facts about DD: Developmental Disabilities

FAST FACTS

- ⇐ An estimated 38,000 Oregonians experience a developmental disability, about 1% of the population.
- ⇐ Thousands of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families continue to wait for critical services and supports.
- ⇐ DD Services contribute more than \$400 million each year to local economies in Oregon.
- ⇐ Over 10,000 people are employed in the DD system.

What is a developmental disability?

A developmental disability is a physical and/or mental impairment that occurs before a person is 22 years old. The impairment has continued or can be expected to continue indefinitely, and is likely to create barriers to the ability of the individual to function independently.

Developmental disabilities include: cerebral palsy, epilepsy, autism, mental retardation and other neurologically disabling conditions.

DD Services Available in Oregon

Services and supports that *may* be available to an individual with developmental disabilities include:

Case management/Service coordination

Residential services

Job development, job training and ongoing employment support

Individualized planning and support services

Family Support, including respite care and other assistance for families of children 0-18

Intensive medical or behavior supports for children provided in the family home

Other services and supports provided in the family or individual's home

Eligibility varies by service, and many services have long waiting lists.





How are DD supports and services funded and provided?

State General Funds match Federal Medicaid dollars (40% state to 60% federal) for most community DD services.

Counties receive the funding to provide service coordination (case management), family support, foster care, and to contract for adult residential and employment services. Counties also conduct quality assurance and protective services activities.

Community-based providers provide employment and residential services.

Independent Support Brokerages provide planning services and help adults with developmental disabilities locate and purchase the services and supports they need.

Waitlists Continue.

Over 40% of people with a developmental disability get no service for a variety of reasons, including personal choice, lack of awareness, waitlists, or they simply do not require assistance.

Less than 30% of eligible families statewide receive Family Support Services.

About 5,935 people receive limited Support Services under the Staley Settlement Agreement. Many eligible adults are still waiting to be enrolled.

About 6,105 adults and children statewide receive Comprehensive Services. Individuals access these services usually after a crisis has occurred that requires an increased level of support. Many people and their aging families want access to out-of-home services before a crisis occurs.

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