



Rhode Island Department of Behavioral Healthcare,
Developmental Disabilities & Hospitals (BHDDH)

Division of Developmental Disabilities

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DD Responsibilities

The Division of Developmental Disabilities is responsible for planning, funding and overseeing a community system of services and supports for adults with developmental disabilities.

These services include supported employment, integrated day activities, community supports, transportation, respite and residential services.

Eligible participants have an array of options available through services with licensed service providers and/or the option of self-directed supports.



While in School

The Division is committed to inform students and their families about DD services. Every effort will be made to attend IEP/CDP meetings for the following time frames:

- ▶ Students ages **14 to 16** – an informational packet about adult services will be emailed to the teacher by DDD. This can be shared with the student/caregiver at the IEP/CDP meeting.
- ▶ Students ages **17 to 18** – a representative from RIPIN will attend the IEP meeting. RIPIN will email a packet of information to the teacher prior to the meeting
- ▶ Students ages **19 to 20** – the DDD Transition Coordinator will attend the IEP meeting.
- ▶ Students ages **20 to 22** eligible for DDD services – the DDD social worker will attend the IEP meeting



Who is likely eligible?

Individuals with a diagnosis and supporting documentation of any of the following present before age 22:

- ▶ Intellectual Disability (formerly MR) – w/ consistent IQ scores below 70
- ▶ Autism Spectrum d/o – w/ significant impact on ADL's
- ▶ Severe Physical Disabilities – w/ significant impact on Mobility and ADL's
- ▶ Severe Sensory Disabilities – w/ significant impact on ADL's
- ▶ Other Developmental Disabilities – w/ significant impact on ADL's



RI General Law regarding eligibility criteria for DD services can be found at:
<http://webserver.rilin.state.ri.us/Statutes/TITLE40.1/40.1-21/40.1-21-4.3.HTM>

When to Apply

The Division has an *Eligible by 17 Policy* which encourages students to apply for adult DD services as early as 16 years 10 months

Early applications allow for additional planning time to assist in a smoother transition from school to adult services.

However, please make sure that all evals are current prior to applying.



How to Apply

The Application for DD services is located on our website at <https://bhddh.ri.gov/developmental-disabilities/eligibility-and-application> *(half-way down the page are links for English, Spanish, and Portuguese applications)*

The Application for Services must be printed and mailed along with the supporting documentation which should include latest:

- ▶ **Official diagnosis**
- ▶ **Intelligence/Cognitive Tests**
- ▶ **Vocational records** through school, Office of Rehabilitative Services, or other agencies
- ▶ **Medical history if medical disability/concerns only**
- ▶ **Psychiatric records**, if applicable
- ▶ Any other agency records that document the applicant's abilities and limitation

*It is important to note the anticipated final school exit date in the application

Medicaid

- ▶ If a student receives Medicaid through the Katie Beckett program, their Medicaid will end at age 19.
- ▶ Between the ages of 18 and 19, they should apply for SSI if they haven't already – www.ssa.gov .
- ▶ After age 18, their family income will not be considered and only the student's income and assets will be regarded.
- ▶ If they don't think they will need SSI, they can apply for Medicaid through RI's Dept of Human Service <http://www.dhs.ri.gov/Programs/LTCApplications.php>



Supports Intensity Scale - SIS

- ▶ Students are referred for a SIS eval at age 19.5 or, if older, once found eligible. The SIS is typically conducted after age 20.
- ▶ The SIS is a tool that is used to measure supports required for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The assessment is done during an interview with the individual and the people who know them best.
- ▶ The SIS determines service needs and related levels of funding for individuals receiving developmental disability services.



Case Management

Every participant is assigned to a social caseworker in one of four case management units who will assist them with:

- ▶ Providing information on available services through either a licensed service provider, self-directed services, or a combination of service options;
- ▶ Identifying natural supports and facilitating access to community resources;
- ▶ Assisting in crisis management; and
- ▶ Collaborating with ORS regarding employment services.



Person Centered Planning (PCP)

- ▶ Whole Life Person Centered Planning
- ▶ Building on skills developed while in school
- ▶ Natural supports
- ▶ Community connections
- ▶ Two models of service
 - ▶ Agency managed
 - ▶ Self-directed



Contact Information

BHDDH website – www.bhddh.ri.gov/developmental-disabilities

- ▶ For questions regarding **Transition** please contact Susan Hayward, Administrator of Youth in Transition – 462-2519 or susan.hayward@bhddh.ri.gov
- ▶ For questions regarding **Applications and Eligibility** please contact Karen Lowell, Eligibility Supervisor – 462-2209 or karen.lowell@bhddh.ri.gov
- ▶ For questions regarding the **SIS evaluation** please contact Donna Standish, SIS Supervisor – 462-2628 or donna.standish@bhddh.ri.gov

