

About Us



DDD is part of the Rhode Island state government. DDD manages services for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD). DDD helps adults with I/DD access needed services. The services help people stay healthy, safe, and independent in the community.

All Rhode Islanders have the right to live happy, healthy and fulfilling lives. DDD is committed to helping adults with I/DD live their best lives.

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Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD)



Overview of Adult Services and Supports





Services and Supports

People can get DDD services and supports from providers in the community. BHDDH licenses the provider agencies to provide DDD services and supports.

Services and supports include:

- Self-Directed Supports
- Community-Based Supports
- Center-Based Supports
- Employment Supports
- Transportation
- Residential Supports

Medicaid HCBS

DDD services and supports are part of Medicaid home and community-based services (HCBS).

Medicaid is a joint federal and state program. It helps cover medical costs for qualified people.

HCBS are person-centered services people get in their own community. The services are designed to help people stay in their own homes rather than go to an institution.

HCBS supports people who need help with everyday activities, like dressing or bathing. People can also get support to be a part of their community or get and keep a job.

To learn more about Medicaid HCBS explore the [Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services \(CMS\) website](#).



Applying for DDD Services

Adults with I/DD must submit a completed DDD application. The earliest someone can apply is 2 months before their 17th birthday. Applications are available on the [DDD Eligibility and Application webpage](#).



Youth in Transition

For people under age 18 and still in school, DDD will help prepare them for transition to adult services. This DDD service is called Youth in Transition (YIT). Explore the [DDD Transitioning To Adult Services webpage](#) to learn more.

