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Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD)



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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What's Next for me: Transition to Adult Services





Youth in Transition (YIT) is a service you can get from age 14-22 while you are still in a school-funded program. You must have an intellectual or developmental disability (I/DD) and likely be eligible for adult I/DD funded services.

YIT's main goal is to give you information and support about transitioning to adult I/DD funded services. The information shared will guide you through the process. YIT will work with you, your family, and school staff during this transition.

Getting Started with YIT

To get started with YIT, talk to your teacher about inviting DDD to the next school meeting.

Teachers can invite DDD by sending an **online invitation**.



You do not need to apply for DDD services before getting YIT support. DDD will help you:

- 1. Get to know the DDD eligibility requirements. These are the rules to apply for DDD services.
- 2. Get to know the different DDD services and supports.
- 3. Plan for the transition to adult services and supports.



You must submit a completed DDD application if you are interested in adult I/DD funded services. The earliest you can apply is 2 months before your 17th birthday.

Applications are available on the **DDD Eligibility and Application webpage**.



You must be at least age 18 and be found eligible to start adult I/DD funded services. If you are eligible, a DDD staff person will be assigned to work with you. DDD will share this information with you in a letter they mail to you.