

# Service and Supports for People with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities

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- Overall Advocacy
- Who we serve
- Trends we are seeing

# North Metro Community Services

- Overall function
- Who we serve

# Colorado Developmental Disability Definition

- Manifested before the age of 22
- Is attributed to mental retardation or related conditions including cerebral palsy, epilepsy, autism or other neurological conditions when such conditions result in either impairment of general intellectual functioning or adaptive behavior similar to that of a person with mental retardation. (16.120, C)
- A person shall not be determined to have a DD if it can be demonstrated such conditions are attributable to only a physical or sensory impairment or mental illness.

# Determination and Eligibility for services

- Please see handout regarding Rules and Regulations. Of particular importance:
  1. Assessments of adaptive behavior shall have been completed within three years of the request of determination.
  2. Assessments of intellectual functioning shall have been completed as follows:
    - a. If an individual is between 5 and 18 years of age, at least one intellectual assessment shall have been completed to determine the individual's impairment of general intellectual functioning;
    - b. If an individual is 18 years of age or older and there is only one intellectual assessment available to determine the individual's impairment of general intellectual function, the assessment shall have been completed when the individual was at least 18 years of age and shall have been completed within 10 years of the request,
    - c. If there is historical pattern of consistent scores, based on 2 or more intellectual assessments, that demonstrates an impairment of general intellectual functioning, the assessments may be used regardless of the individual's age at the time of determination.

# Determination continued....

3. An established neurological condition shall be documented as follows:

a. A diagnosed condition shall be determined by a licensed medical professional practicing within the scope of his/her license

b. If a specific diagnosis is not possible, a written statement from a licensed medical professional, practicing within the scope of his/her license, or a licensed psychologist may be used as long as there is a documented effort to determine a diagnosis and the available assessment information reasonably supports a conclusion that a neurological impairment is present.

# How to apply for DD determination and available services and supports.

- Community Center Boards – determinations and case management
  1. North Metro Community Services 303-252-7199
  2. Application for determination
- Waiver services – must meet functional and financial requirements.
  - \*only 1 waiver service at a time
- Must be eligible for Medicaid through SSI or meet Medicaid disability rule criteria
- 300% rule.

# Two Waivers for Intellectual and Developmental Services

- Supported Living Services waiver (HCBS-SLS waiver)
  1. There is no longer a waitlist for these services eff. 7/1/14
  2. Services and supports available under this waiver
  3. funding limits
- Developmental Disabilities waiver (HCBS-DD waiver)
  1. Waitlist
  2. services and supports available under DD waiver



# Eligibility, services, supports and timelines

- What are the timelines for the process of determination?
- What are the timelines for getting SLS?
  1. Medicaid
  2. Professional Medical Information Page
  3. Supports Intensity Scale
  4. Service Plan meeting
  5. Finding providers/RFP process

# Resources for those not eligible

- Other HCBS waiver options 1-877-710-9993. Single entry point for all other waivers besides DD/SLS waivers
- DVR – SWAP
- Independent Living Centers
- Other resources