

"I love [Case Manager], she helps me with work and getting to group to see my friends" -Participant



"my mentor taught me to ride a bike and work at the library. Now he will teach me how to swim" -Participant



"This waiver has been very beneficial to my son. Without DDS I don't think he would have a job and be so successful" -Parent



"It's been great to partner with DDS. They know a lot about our individuals with ASD and it shows!" -Collaborating Agency

**Autism Spectrum
Disorder Services
CT Department of
Developmental Services
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To apply for services:

Download the application at;
www.ct.gov/dds
Click on "Eligibility"

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Mission and Vision

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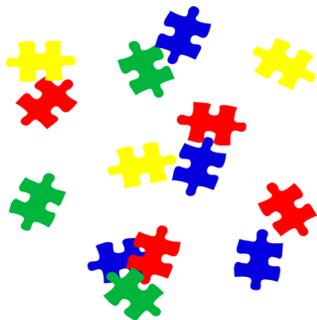
The mission of the Department of Developmental Services is to partner with the individuals we support and their families, to support lifelong planning and to join with others to create and promote meaningful opportunities for individuals to fully participate as valued members of their communities.

Vision

All citizens supported by the Department of Developmental Services are valued contributors to their communities as family members, friends, neighbors, students, employees, volunteers, members of civic and religious associations, voters and advocates.

Vision of Autism Spectrum Disorder Services

The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) is the lead agency for autism in the state. ASD Services is committed to providing comprehensive, coordinated and effective supports and services for DDS consumers with Autism Spectrum Disorders and their families through case management (TCM). ASD Services ensures that our consumers may engage in meaningful participation and self-determination in all aspects of life.



What is a Waiver?

The Home and Community Based (HCBS) Waiver allows the State to receive partial reimbursement from the Federal Government for providing needed community based programs and supports designed to enable individuals to leave institutional setting or to prevent their placement into institutional settings in the first place. The Federal Government reimburses Connecticut 50% of the cost of services and supports for people enrolled in the HCBS Waiver. This reimbursement helps the state fund programs that might otherwise not be affordable. The reimbursement is received through the Medicaid program; therefore, a person must be enrolled in Medicaid to participate.

Life span Waiver Services may include:

Clinical Behavioral Support Services
Community Mentor
Job Coaching
Life Skills Coach
Respite
Assistive Technology
Individual Goods and Services
Interpreter Services
Non-Medical Transportation
Personal Emergency Response System
Social Skills Group
Specialized Driving Assessment
Community Companion Homes
Live-in Companion

Early Childhood Waiver Services (ages 3 to 5) include:

In-Home Intensive Behavioral Supports
Clinical Consultation and Supervision

HCBS/Autism Waiver Eligibility

In order to be eligible for support and services from the DDS Autism Spectrum Disorder Services, a person must have:

1. Legal Residency in the State of Connecticut
2. Have a **PRIMARY** diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder (an evaluation for ASD must include a standardized diagnostic instrument such as the Autistic Diagnostic and Observation Schedule (ADOS), Childhood Autism rating Scale (CARS) or Gilliam Autism Rating Scales (GARS). Evaluations that do not include standardized diagnostic instruments will not serve to qualify individuals for services from the DDS Division of Autism Spectrum Services.
3. At least 3 years of age
4. A full scale IQ of 70 or higher (a diagnosis of intellectual ability **must include** tests such as the Wechsler or Stanford-Binet which assess intellectual/cognitive ability and generate IQ scores. Psychological testing must be current (within **three** years).

* For children ages 3-7 where a valid IQ cannot be determined, eligibility will be based upon a diagnosis of ASD and developmental delays.
5. Medicaid Eligibility
6. Impairment prior to age 22 years
7. Impairment expected to continue indefinitely
8. Live either in their own home or their family home (individuals living in residential or school settings are not eligible for the autism waiver services).

How to Apply

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Application and packet material can be mailed to:

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