

How to Find an Adult Service Provider in Your Area and Other Support Options

There are many adult service providers in Connecticut and it might seem like quite a challenge to find the right one. It is often helpful to explore a variety of providers to determine if there is a good match for you in terms of philosophy and services. It is important to remember that DDS funding is "portable" which means that you can take your funding with you and switch providers if you so choose. Another option is for individuals and their families to hire and manage their own staff to provide specific employment related supports. This self determination approach includes person centered planning, choice of services, individual budgets and a support network that includes case management and a fiscal intermediary.

The following pages offer information on web-based provider databases, a checklist to help select your providers and information on self-determination and hiring your own staff.

Connecticut Community Rehabilitation Provider (CT CRP) Searchable Database

The database was designed to assist youth and young adults with disabilities to find independent living and workforce supports and services throughout Connecticut. This database allows you to search by specific program, area, type of service or funding type. www.ctbrs.org/CRP/Home.aspx

DDS Qualified Provider List

Database of all adult service provider who are qualified to provide both residential and day services supports to people who receive funding from DDS. This database allows you to search by town and then provides a profile of each agency which specifies the types of services that are offered. There is also a link to a DDS Quality Profile for that provider which offers a summary of recent Quality Service Review results.

www.ct.gov/dds/cwp/view.asp?a=3620&q=424134

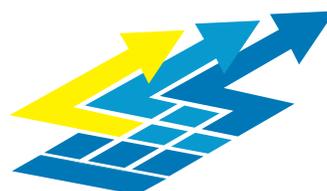
Making Good Choices about DDS Supports and Services (2007)

A helpful handbook that provides an overview of self determination and hiring your own staff, information and things to consider when selecting a provider and how to make good choices along the way.

www.ct.gov/dds/lib/dds/waiver/choicesbook0517.pdf

www.rewardingwork.org

Data base of personal care assistants in Connecticut who are available to be hired directly by individuals and their families using their own or DDS funding. If an individual receives services from DDS, they are eligible for a free subscription to this service by contacting their case manager.



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Real Work for Real Pay