



## Highlights of Changes in DDS Waivers

Effective October 1<sup>st</sup> there will be some changes to the department's Comprehensive and IFS Waivers including the addition of new services and the renaming of others.

**New Services** - New services in both DDS Waivers include:

- **Health Care Coordination** - Assessment, education and assistance provided by a registered nurse to individuals with identified health risks who live in their own homes with less than 24 hour support. This service provides consultation and coordination, not direct nursing services.
- **Adult Day Health Services** - Adult day care in a structured setting that provides a variety of health, social and related support services such as socialization, supervision and monitoring, personal care, and nutrition.
- **Live-In Caregiver** - This waiver service provides a rent and food reimbursement to the individual to cover extra costs resulting from having a Live-in Caregiver. This service is available only to individuals who live in their own homes. The Live-in Caregiver may be required to provide another waiver service and may not be a member of the individual's family.

**Newly Available in the IFS Waiver** – Services that have been available only in the Comprehensive Waiver and are newly available in the IFS Waiver include:

- **Residential Habilitation CTH** - Community Training Homes are individuals or families who are licensed by DDS to share their home with one, two, or in some instances, as many as three individuals who have intellectual disabilities. Community Training Home families receive reimbursement for room & board rate and a monthly stipend from DDS to assist the individuals who live with them to develop social, community, and personal skills.
- **Individual Directed Goods & Services** - Services, equipment or supplies that support the individual to achieve individual plan outcomes and for which the individual has no other funding source. This service must be directly related to the person's disability, pre-approved, and is available only to individuals who self-direct their supports.

**Renamed Services** - Services that have been renamed are:

- **Individualized Home Supports** – previously called Supported Living (Residential Habilitation) or Individual Supports (IS) Habilitation. This service provides assistance with skills and may be provided in a person's own or family home or in a community setting.
- **Clinical Behavioral Support Services** – previously called Consultation Services. This service includes assessment of behavioral and clinical needs, development of a behavior support plan, training to the person's family or support staff, and evaluation of plan effectiveness.
- **Nutrition** – previously called Consultation Services. Clinical assessment, development of diets and interventions related to dietary needs, and staff training.
- **Independent Support Broker** – previously called Family & Individual Consultation & Support (FICS). Support to direct a plan of individual support including hiring, managing, and training staff. Available only to individuals who self-direct their supports.

**Please note:** At individual planning meetings beginning October 1<sup>st</sup>, individuals enrolled in a Waiver may consider the new services. As Individual Plans are developed or updated, case managers will be sure new service names are used, if applicable. The IP.6 application now includes these service options. Also note that these are abbreviated descriptions of waiver services and should not be substituted for the full definitions. For a more complete list of waiver services and full definitions of new waiver services, please refer to the DDS website at [www.ct.gov/dds](http://www.ct.gov/dds).