

# CT DDS Home & Community Based Waivers

# History of Waiver: From Institutional Support to Community Based Supports

- **Medicaid:** Medicaid is a federal program originally designed to provide medical care and institutional services for people with disabilities. It has a number of rules that details how services can be delivered.
- **HCBS:** means Home and Community Based Services
- **Waiver Explanation:** The HCBS Waivers are arrangements that DDS has with the Medicaid Program (federal government) to have some of the Medicaid rules “waived” so that you can have more choice about how and where you receive services.
- **DDS had one Waiver from 1987 to February 1, 2005.**

# CT DDS HCBS Waivers

- *The Individual and Family Support Waiver* is designed to support individuals who live in their own homes, in their family homes or in Community Training Homes (CTH) and receive less extensive supports that typically cost less than \$58,000

# CT DDS HCBS Waivers

- *The Comprehensive Waiver* is used to provide services to individuals who live in licensed Community Living Arrangements (CLA), Community Training Homes (CTH) or in Assisted Living Facilities. It can also be used to provide services to individuals who live in their own homes or in their family homes and who are in need of a comprehensive level of supports, usually as a result of significant physical, behavioral or medical support needs.

# HCBS Waiver Eligibility



If an individual is eligible to apply  
for one of the HCBS Waivers,  
*DDS will help them through the application  
process.*

Being enrolled in one of the waivers  
will help the person create  
a package of services that is right for them.

# HCBS Waiver Eligibility

*To be eligible for either of the waivers, the person must:*

- ✓ Already be enrolled in Medicaid, or be determined to qualify for Medicaid.
- ✓ Have income and assets no greater than the guidelines set by the Department of Social Services (DSS).
- ✓ Have needs that can be met through a waiver so that they do not have to live in an institution (ICF/MR) or Nursing Home to have your support needs met.
- ✓ Need waiver supports in addition to the supports that are already in place to lead a safe and healthy life in the community.

**These other supports can include Medicaid state plan services, community/generic services, natural supports such as family or friends and DDS state-funded services.**

# Enrollment in the Waivers

**PRAT has to award funding to someone before offering an opportunity to apply for one of the DDS waivers.**

**The funding comes from:**

- **The resources allocated by the Legislature such as funding for: children in the Voluntary Services Program, High School Grads or Age Outs**
- **Or from reuse of money originally provided to someone else who no longer needs it**

# Service Options

The two DDS Waivers provides Individuals and Families with a broad range of Self Directed Service options.

Flexibility to Re-Arrange Services as Needs Change

Hire & Manage Staff

Agency with Choice

Choose Qualified Providers at Standard Rates

Option to use Providers and Hire Staff

# Agency With Choice

- An Agency with Choice is an option for Individuals and Families who want to participate in the recruitment and supervision of staff without the responsibility of becoming the employer of record.

# Provider Qualifications

**DDS has established standard requirements to make sure that any support provider that delivers waiver services is able to provide safe, quality services.**

**Whether a person chooses an agency, an agency with choice, hires his/her own staff, or a combination of above, any individual providing waiver services must meet established waiver service qualifications.**

# Qualified Provider

- Signs a provider agreement with the Medicaid Agency (DSS).
- Bills at established rates only for services that are actually provided.
- Submits billing documents after service is provided.
- Accepts payment from DDS as payment in full
- Retains financial and statistical records for six years from date of service provision