

## Agency of Human Services Developmental Services

Efficacy Rating  
NA

Developmental Services are available to individuals with developmental disabilities to support them to live, work and participate in their local communities.

### **Developmental Services**

#### **Purpose of Service:**

To provide support to individuals with developmental disabilities to live, work and participate as citizens in their local communities.<sup>1</sup>

#### **Who is eligible:**

Person with a developmental disability defined as having 1) a diagnosis of mental retardation OR a pervasive developmental disorder including Autistic Disorder, Rett's Disorder, Childhood Disintegrative Disorder, Asperger's Disorder and Pervasive Developmental Disorder, NOS AND 2) significant deficits in daily functioning AND 3) onset of the disability prior to age 18.<sup>2</sup>

#### **Types of services available:**

Under the Home and Community-based waiver funding mechanism, services include service coordination, employment support, home support, respite, clinical intervention and crisis support. Funding for these services are prioritized to those most in need based upon the State System of Care Plan. Services are individually tailored depending on assessed needs. New waiver funding for children under 18 is currently limited to children in DCF custody or children at risk of admission to a psychiatric hospital or nursing home. These services are provided by private developmental service agencies or can be self or family managed.<sup>3</sup>

#### **Flexible Family Funding:**

Money available to eligible families with a family member with a developmental disability living at home. An amount up to \$1,122 per year may be used at the discretion of the family towards goods or services that are in the person's/family's best interest.

#### **Public guardianship:**

Guardian Service is available for adults over 18 with developmental disabilities. Public guardians assist and empower people under guardianship in making decisions and taking actions in critical life areas. For information regarding obtaining a public guardian, contact: Division of Developmental Services at 1-802-241-2614

#### **How to apply for services:**

Contact the Designated Developmental Service Agency for the area where the person lives at 1-802-241-2614.

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References and Information**

**References:**

The following documents are available in print format from the Division of Disability and Aging Services at 242-2614 or online at <http://www.dail.state.vt.us> in Developmental Services, under publications.

1. Annual Report 2005: Division of Developmental Services. Describes how resources are used in the developmental services system and statewide outcomes for services delivered.
2. Regulations Implementing the Developmental Disabilities Act of 1996. Describes eligibility criteria, application process, complaint procedures, etc.
3. Vermont State System of Care Plan. Describes how funding can be used to support people with developmental disabilities.
4. Flexible Family Funding Guidelines. Describes eligibility for and allocation of these funds.

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