



Division of Developmental Disabilities Overview

The Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) assures the opportunity for individuals with developmental disabilities over the age of 21 to:

- Receive quality services and supports
- Participate meaningfully in their communities
- Exercise their rights to make choices

Medicaid Eligibility (required to receive DDD services)

- Apply for SSI (Supplemental Security Income) **at age 18 at county social service office (see attached list)**
 - ❖ SSI Approval= Automatic Medicaid Eligibility
- If SSI-ineligible, apply separately for New Jersey Medicaid

DDD Intake Application Process

- Age 18 or older (DDD services CANNOT be accessed until age 21)
- Download DDD Intake Application from DDD website and/or contact Intake Unit of Community Services Office serving individual's county of residence (listed on back)
 - ❖ https://www.nj.gov/humanservices/ddd/documents/ddd_intake_application_english.pdf
- **Family Responsibility**
 - ❖ Submit Application **at age 18**
- **Intake Case Manager Responsibility**
 - ❖ Contact Family to discuss application and service needs
 - ❖ Determination of eligibility
 - ❖ NJCAT Distribution (See Below)
 - ❖ Review documentation including the individuals most recent Evaluations/Assessments

DDD Eligibility

To be **eligible** to receive Division-funded services, an individual must have a documented lifelong disability that presents prior to age 22 and meet the functional criteria for having a developmental disability.

NJ Comprehensive Assessment Tool

- NJ CAT Assessment
 - ❖ Mandatory assessment tool that evaluates support needs in three main areas: (1) Self-Care, (2) Behavioral, (3) Medical
 - ❖ Completed online or over the phone **(during Summer/Fall leading up to graduation year)**
 - ❖ Establishes an individual **tier**
 - Tier determines the individualized budget
 - Tier determines reimbursement rate for some services
 - ❖ Re-assessment done every five years, more often if needed

In order to receive services funded through the Division of Developmental Disabilities, an individual must be determined eligible for Medicaid and determined eligible to receive services through DDD.