

CHILDREN'S CHOICE WAIVER FACT SHEET

What is the Children's Choice Waiver?

The Children's Choice Waiver (CC) program provides services in the home and in the community to individuals 0 through 20 years of age, who currently live at home with their families or who will leave an institution to return home. This waiver provides an individualized support package with a maximum cost of \$20,650 per year, and is designed for maximum flexibility.

Youth who reach the age of 18 and want to work may choose to transition to a Supports Waiver as long as they remain eligible for waiver services. Please see link below for more information regarding the Supports Waiver.

Youth who continue in the Children's Choice Waiver beyond age 18 will age out of Children's Choice Waiver when they reach their 21st birthday. They will transition to the most appropriate waiver that meets their needs as long as they remain eligible for waiver services.

This program is not intended to provide 24 hours a day support

****Youth age 0 to 3 individuals must meet the My Place eligibility requirements.***

****Youth age 3 to 20 individuals must have an Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities Statement of Approval***

Who can qualify?

Individuals who:

- Meet Louisiana Medicaid eligibility **AND**
- Meet the Louisiana definition for developmental disability which manifested prior to age 22 (Revised Statute 28:451.2, Paragraph (11)) **AND**
- Have an OCDD Statement of Approval **AND**
- Meet My Place eligibility if age 0-3 **AND**
- Meet Intermediate Care Facility-Intellectual Disability (ICF-ID) Level of Care Criteria **AND** are 0 through 20 years of age

If I qualify, what services may I receive?

- Support Coordination
- Family Support
- Crisis Support
- Center-Based Respite
- Family Training
- Environmental Accessibility Adaptions
- Specialized Medical Equipment
- Permanent Supportive Housing Stabilization and Transition
- Therapy Services
 - Aquatic Therapy
 - Art Therapy
 - Music Therapy
 - Hippo-Therapy/Therapeutic Horseback Riding
 - Sensory Integration

****Individuals who receive the CC Waiver may also receive EPSDT personal care services.***

How can I request an OCDD waiver?

Individuals who have a need for services should contact their Local Governing Entity (LGE) in order to go through the eligibility determination process. Once a person is eligible for OCDD services, they may ask to be placed on the Developmental Disability Request for Services Registry (RFSR).

Home and community-based waiver opportunities are provided based on the individual's prioritized need for support, which is identified in their RFSR Screening for Urgency of Need. Individuals with the emergent and urgent need for support will have priority.

For more information on this process, please contact your Local Governing Entity (LGE).

Additional resources and contact information for the Children's Choice Waiver

Children's Choice Waiver Website: <https://ldh.la.gov/page/218>

OCDD Resources Website: <https://ldh.la.gov/index.cfm/page/138>

Local Governing Entity (LGE) map: <http://ldh.la.gov/index.cfm/page/134>

OCDD State Office: 1-866-783-5553 or email at OCDD-hcbs@la.gov

Individuals who under 21 years of age may access Early Periodic Screening and Diagnostic Treatment (EPSDT) services: <https://ldh.la.gov/index.cfm/page/334>

My Place Louisiana: <https://ldh.la.gov/index.cfm/page/147>

Permanent Supportive Housing Services: <https://ldh.la.gov/index.cfm/page/1732>

OCDD Employment First Initiative: <https://ldh.la.gov/index.cfm/page/1847>