

## New Opportunities Waiver Fact Sheet

### WHAT IS THE NEW OPPORTUNITIES WAIVER?

The New Opportunities Waiver (NOW) program provides services in the home and in the community to individuals 3 years of age or older who are eligible to receive OCDD waiver services.

The NOW is intended to provide specific activity-focused services rather than continuous custodial care.

### IF I QUALIFY, WHAT SERVICES MAY I RECEIVE FROM THIS PROGRAM?

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Individual and Family Support (IFS) for Day, Night, Shared             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Can be Self-Directed</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Center-Based Respite</li> <li>● Community Integration and Development</li> <li>● Environmental Adaptations</li> <li>● Specialized Medical Equipment</li> <li>● Supported Living</li> <li>● Substitute Family Care</li> <li>● Day Habilitation and Transportation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Supported Employment and Transportation</li> <li>● Prevocational Services</li> <li>● Personal Emergency Response</li> <li>● Skilled Nursing</li> <li>● One time transitional services</li> <li>● Housing Stabilization Transition</li> <li>● Housing Stabilization</li> </ul> <p><b><i>*Individuals will receive Support Coordination services via state plan.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>*Individuals who receive the NOW may NOT receive LT-PCS services.</i></b></p>
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### WHO CAN QUALIFY FOR SERVICES?

Individuals who:

- Meet Louisiana Medicaid eligibility **AND**
- Meet the Louisiana definition for developmental disability which manifested prior to age 22 (Revised Statute 25:451.2, Paragraph (11)), **AND**
- Have an OCDD Statement of Approval **AND**
- Meet Intermediate Care Facility- Intellectual Disability (ICF-ID) Level of Care Criteria **AND**
- Are 3 years of age or older, **AND**
- Whose needs cannot be met in another OCDD waiver

**Financials:**

Resources are the things people own. When we count resources for this program, we do not count the person's home, the car they drive to medical appointments or other basic resources.

- Single people can have no more than \$2,000 in resources. Couples can have no more than \$3,000 in resources (when both spouses receive long-term care).

**HOW CAN PEOPLE REQUEST AN OCDD WAIVER?**

Home and community-based waiver opportunities will now be provided based on the individual's prioritized need for support, which was identified in their Request for Services Registry Screening for Urgency of Need. Instead of being first come, first served, individuals with the most emergent and urgent need for support will have priority.

Individuals who have a need for services should contact their local Human Services District/Authority in order to go through the eligibility determination process

**To add your name to the Developmental Disability Request for Services Registry or if you have questions, you can contact the Human Services District/Authority for your area. Listed below is a web link to this information:**

<http://ldh.la.gov/index.cfm/page/134>

**If you do not have access to a computer, you may call the OCDD State Office at 866-783-5553 to request the contact information for your local Human Services District/Authority.**