

NEW OPPORTUNITIES WAIVER (NOW) 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 waiver services.

The NOW is intended to provide individualized supports to assist individuals in living in their home and community.

**Individuals must access and use state plan services for which they qualify.*




















Who can qualify?

Individuals **age 3 and older** who meet **ALL** of the following criteria:

- Meet Louisiana Medicaid eligibility
- Have an OCDD Statement of Approval
- Meet Louisiana's definition for developmental disability that manifested prior to age 22 [Revised Statute 28:451.2, Paragraph (12)]
- Meet intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual disabilities (ICF/IID) level of care criteria
- Whose needs cannot be met in another OCDD waiver

If I qualify, what services may I receive?

Your Support Coordinator will assist you with determining what services for which you may qualify.

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|  Individual and Family Support |  Professional |  Community Life Engagement Development |
|  Day Habilitation |  Skilled Nursing |  Personal Emergency Response System (PERS) |
|  Supported Employment |  Dental |  Financial Management for Self-Direction |
|  Environmental Adaptations |  Respite |  Specialized Medical Equipment and Supplies |
|  Prevocational |  Substitute Family Care |  Supported Independent Living |
|  Permanent Supportive Housing |  Monitored In-Home Caregiving | |
|  Transportation |  Companion Care | |

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).

OCDD provides waiver opportunities 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.

You can find the LGE that serves your region at <https://www.ldh.la.gov/page/local-governing-entities>

