

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.

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 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

If I qualify, what services may I receive?

- Individual and Family Support (IFS) for Day, Night, Shared
- Center-Based Respite
- Community Life Engagement Development
- Environmental Accessibility Adaptations
- Specialized Medical Equipment
- Supported Independent Living
- Substitute Family Care
- Day Habilitation/Community Life Engagement and Transportation
- Remote Supports
- Supported Employment (individual or group) and Transportation
- Prevocational/Community Career Planning and Transportation
- Personal Emergency Response System (PERS)
- Skilled Nursing
- One time transitional services
- Housing Stabilization Transition
- Housing Stabilization
- Monitored In Home Care Giving (MIHC)
- Adult Companion Care
- Professional Services
- Expanded Dental Services for Adult Waiver Beneficiaries

****Individuals will receive Support Coordination services via state plan.***

****Individuals who receive the NOW may NOT receive LT-PCS 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 New Opportunities Waiver

New Opportunities Waiver Website: <https://ldh.la.gov/index.cfm/page/283>

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 are 0-21 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>

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