

SUPPORTS WAIVER (SW) Fact Sheet

What is the Supports Waiver?

The Supports Waiver (SW) program provides services in the home and in the community to individuals **18 years of age or older**, who are eligible to receive the Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities (OCDD) waiver services.

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

***Individuals who are 18-21 years of age may access Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment Personal Care Services (EPSDT-PCS).**

***Individuals 21 years of age or older who receive the SW may also receive Long Term-Personal Care Services (LT-PCS).**

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**

Individuals should contact their local governing entity (LGE) to go through the eligibility determination process.

If I qualify, what services may I receive?

- Support Coordination
- Supported Employment (individual or group) and transportation
- Day Habilitation/Community Life Engagement and Transportation
- Prevocational/Community Career Planning and transportation
- Habilitation
- Respite (center-based or in home)
- Permanent Supportive Housing Stabilization and Transition
- Personal Emergency Response System (PERS)
- Expanded Dental Services for Adult Waiver Beneficiaries
- Community Life Engagement Development
- Specialized Medical Equipment and Supplies

***For more information on each service, please refer to the Supports Waiver website.**

How can I request an OCDD waiver?

Individuals who have a need for services should contact their LGE 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 home and community-based 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.

For more information on this process, please contact your LGE.

Additional resources for the SW:

Supports Waiver Website: <https://ldh.la.gov/index.cfm/page/1828>

OCDD Resources Website: <https://ldh.la.gov/page/resources-3>

LGE Map: <https://ldh.la.gov/page/locate-services>

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

Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment Personal Care Services (EPSDT-PCS): <https://ldh.la.gov/page/epsdt-personal-care-services>

Long Term-Personal Care Services (LT-PCS): <http://ldh.la.gov/index.cfm/page/351>

Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) Services: <https://ldh.la.gov/page/permanent-supportive-housing-psh>

OCDD Employment First Initiative: <https://ldh.la.gov/page/employment-first-initiative>