# **SUPPORTS WAIVER (SW)**Fact Sheet



## **What is the Supports Waiver?**

The Supports Waiver (SW) provides home and community-based services for individuals 18 years of age or older who meet the eligibility criteria for waiver services. It is designed to offer meaningful opportunities for day and employment supports for community participation for individuals whose needs can be met with waiver services.

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



#### Who can qualify?

Individuals 18 years of age 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

#### What services are offered?

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

- Support Coordination
- Supported Employment
- Day Habilitation
- Transportation

- Dental
- Permanent Supportive Housing
- Community Life
  Engagement Development
- 🤰 Respite
- Personal Emergency Response System (PERS)
- Specialized Medical Equipment and Supplies

### **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 <a href="https://www.ldh.la.gov/page/local-governing-entities">https://www.ldh.la.gov/page/local-governing-entities</a>

<sup>\*</sup>Individuals must access and use state plan services for which they qualify.