



Ohio Revised Code

Section 5126.01 County boards of developmental disabilities definitions.

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As used in this chapter:

(A) As used in this division, "adult" means an individual who is eighteen years of age or over and not enrolled in a program or service under Chapter 3323. of the Revised Code and an individual sixteen or seventeen years of age who is eligible for adult services under rules adopted by the director of developmental disabilities pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

(1) "Adult services" means services provided to an adult outside the home, except when they are provided within the home according to an individual's assessed needs and identified in an individual service plan, that support learning and assistance in the area of self-care, sensory and motor development, socialization, daily living skills, communication, community living, social skills, or vocational skills.

(2) "Adult services" includes all of the following:

(a) Adult day habilitation services;

(b) Employment services;

(c) Educational experiences and training obtained through entities and activities that are not expressly intended for individuals with mental retardation and developmental disabilities, including trade schools, vocational or technical schools, adult education, job exploration and sampling, unpaid work experience in the community, volunteer activities, and spectator sports.

(B)(1) "Adult day habilitation services" means adult services that do the following:

(a) Provide access to and participation in typical activities and functions of community life that are desired and chosen by the general population, including such activities and functions as



opportunities to experience and participate in community exploration, companionship with friends and peers, leisure activities, hobbies, maintaining family contacts, community events, and activities where individuals without disabilities are involved;

(b) Provide supports or a combination of training and supports that afford an individual a wide variety of opportunities to facilitate and build relationships and social supports in the community.

(2) "Adult day habilitation services" includes all of the following:

(a) Personal care services needed to ensure an individual's ability to experience and participate in vocational services, educational services, community activities, and any other adult day habilitation services;

(b) Skilled services provided while receiving adult day habilitation services, including such skilled services as behavior management intervention, occupational therapy, speech and language therapy, physical therapy, and nursing services;

(c) Training and education in self-determination designed to help the individual do one or more of the following: develop self-advocacy skills, exercise the individual's civil rights, acquire skills that enable the individual to exercise control and responsibility over the services received, and acquire skills that enable the individual to become more independent, integrated, or productive in the community;

(d) Recreational and leisure activities identified in the individual's service plan as therapeutic in nature or assistive in developing or maintaining social supports;

(e) Transportation necessary to access adult day habilitation services;

(f) Habilitation management, as described in section 5126.14 of the Revised Code.

(3) "Adult day habilitation services" does not include activities that are components of the provision of residential services, family support services, or supported living services.



(C) "Appointing authority" means the following:

(1) In the case of a member of a county board of developmental disabilities appointed by, or to be appointed by, a board of county commissioners, the board of county commissioners;

(2) In the case of a member of a county board appointed by, or to be appointed by, a senior probate judge, the senior probate judge.

(D) "Community employment," "competitive employment," and "integrated setting" have the same meanings as in section 5123.022 of the Revised Code.

(E) "Supported employment services" means vocational assessment, job training and coaching, job development and placement, worksite accessibility, and other services related to employment outside a sheltered workshop. "Supported employment services" includes both of the following:

(1) Job training resulting in the attainment of community employment, supported work in a typical work environment, or self-employment;

(2) Support for ongoing community employment, supported work at community-based sites, or self-employment.

(F) As used in this division, "developmental delay" has the meaning established pursuant to section 5123.011 of the Revised Code.

"Developmental disability" means a severe, chronic disability that is characterized by all of the following:

(1) It is attributable to a mental or physical impairment or a combination of mental and physical impairments, other than a mental or physical impairment solely caused by mental illness as defined in division (A) of section 5122.01 of the Revised Code;

(2) It is manifested before age twenty-two;



- (3) It is likely to continue indefinitely;
- (4) It results in one of the following:
- (a) In the case of a person under age three, at least one developmental delay or a diagnosed physical or mental condition that has a high probability of resulting in a developmental delay;
- (b) In the case of a person at least age three but under age six, at least two developmental delays;
- (c) In the case of a person age six or older, a substantial functional limitation in at least three of the following areas of major life activity, as appropriate for the person's age: self-care, receptive and expressive language, learning, mobility, self-direction, capacity for independent living, and, if the person is at least age sixteen, capacity for economic self-sufficiency.
- (5) It causes the person to need a combination and sequence of special, interdisciplinary, or other type of care, treatment, or provision of services for an extended period of time that is individually planned and coordinated for the person.
- (G) "Early childhood services" means a planned program of habilitation designed to meet the needs of individuals with mental retardation or other developmental disabilities who have not attained compulsory school age.
- (H) "Employment services" means prevocational services or supported employment services.
- (I)(1) "Environmental modifications" means the physical adaptations to an individual's home, specified in the individual's service plan, that are necessary to ensure the individual's health, safety, and welfare or that enable the individual to function with greater independence in the home, and without which the individual would require institutionalization.
- (2) "Environmental modifications" includes such adaptations as installation of ramps and grab-bars, widening of doorways, modification of bathroom facilities, and installation of specialized electric and plumbing systems necessary to accommodate the individual's medical equipment and supplies.



(3) "Environmental modifications" does not include physical adaptations or improvements to the home that are of general utility or not of direct medical or remedial benefit to the individual, including such adaptations or improvements as carpeting, roof repair, and central air conditioning.

(J) "Family support services" means the services provided under a family support services program operated under section 5126.11 of the Revised Code.

(K) "Habilitation" means the process by which the staff of the facility or agency assists an individual with mental retardation or other developmental disability in acquiring and maintaining those life skills that enable the individual to cope more effectively with the demands of the individual's own person and environment, and in raising the level of the individual's personal, physical, mental, social, and vocational efficiency. Habilitation includes, but is not limited to, programs of formal, structured education and training.

(L) "Home and community-based services" has the same meaning as in section 5123.01 of the Revised Code.

(M) "ICF/IID" has the same meaning as in section 5124.01 of the Revised Code.

(N) "Immediate family" means parents, grandparents, brothers, sisters, spouses, sons, daughters, aunts, uncles, mothers-in-law, fathers-in-law, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, sons-in-law, and daughters-in-law.

(O) "Medicaid case management services" means case management services provided to an individual with mental retardation or other developmental disability that the state medicaid plan requires.

(P) "Mental retardation" means a mental impairment manifested during the developmental period characterized by significantly subaverage general intellectual functioning existing concurrently with deficiencies in the effectiveness or degree with which an individual meets the standards of personal independence and social responsibility expected of the individual's age and cultural group.



(Q) "Prevocational services" means services that provide learning and work experiences, including volunteer work experiences, from which an individual can develop general strengths and skills that are not specific to a particular task or job but contribute to employability in community employment, supported work at community-based sites, or self-employment.

(R) "Residential services" means services to individuals with mental retardation or other developmental disabilities to provide housing, food, clothing, habilitation, staff support, and related support services necessary for the health, safety, and welfare of the individuals and the advancement of their quality of life. "Residential services" includes program management, as described in section 5126.14 of the Revised Code.

(S) "Resources" means available capital and other assets, including moneys received from the federal, state, and local governments, private grants, and donations; appropriately qualified personnel; and appropriate capital facilities and equipment.

(T) "Senior probate judge" means the current probate judge of a county who has served as probate judge of that county longer than any of the other current probate judges of that county. If a county has only one probate judge, "senior probate judge" means that probate judge.

(U) "Service and support administration" means the duties performed by a service and support administrator pursuant to section 5126.15 of the Revised Code.

(V)(1) "Specialized medical, adaptive, and assistive equipment, supplies, and supports" means equipment, supplies, and supports that enable an individual to increase the ability to perform activities of daily living or to perceive, control, or communicate within the environment.

(2) "Specialized medical, adaptive, and assistive equipment, supplies, and supports" includes the following:

(a) Eating utensils, adaptive feeding dishes, plate guards, mylatex straps, hand splints, reaches, feeder seats, adjustable pointer sticks, interpreter services, telecommunication devices for the deaf, computerized communications boards, other communication devices, support animals, veterinary



care for support animals, adaptive beds, supine boards, prone boards, wedges, sand bags, sidelayers, bolsters, adaptive electrical switches, hand-held shower heads, air conditioners, humidifiers, emergency response systems, folding shopping carts, vehicle lifts, vehicle hand controls, other adaptations of vehicles for accessibility, and repair of the equipment received.

(b) Nondisposable items not covered by medicaid that are intended to assist an individual in activities of daily living or instrumental activities of daily living.

(W) "Supportive home services" means a range of services to families of individuals with mental retardation or other developmental disabilities to develop and maintain increased acceptance and understanding of such persons, increased ability of family members to teach the person, better coordination between school and home, skills in performing specific therapeutic and management techniques, and ability to cope with specific situations.

(X)(1) "Supported living" means services provided for as long as twenty-four hours a day to an individual with mental retardation or other developmental disability through any public or private resources, including moneys from the individual, that enhance the individual's reputation in community life and advance the individual's quality of life by doing the following:

(a) Providing the support necessary to enable an individual to live in a residence of the individual's choice, with any number of individuals who are not disabled, or with not more than three individuals with mental retardation and developmental disabilities unless the individuals are related by blood or marriage;

(b) Encouraging the individual's participation in the community;

(c) Promoting the individual's rights and autonomy;

(d) Assisting the individual in acquiring, retaining, and improving the skills and competence necessary to live successfully in the individual's residence.

(2) "Supported living" includes the provision of all of the following:



- (a) Housing, food, clothing, habilitation, staff support, professional services, and any related support services necessary to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the individual receiving the services;
- (b) A combination of lifelong or extended-duration supervision, training, and other services essential to daily living, including assessment and evaluation and assistance with the cost of training materials, transportation, fees, and supplies;
- (c) Personal care services and homemaker services;
- (d) Household maintenance that does not include modifications to the physical structure of the residence;
- (e) Respite care services;
- (f) Program management, as described in section 5126.14 of the Revised Code.