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Overview Of Developmental Services

Aging and Disability Services

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Nevada Developmental Services

- Nevada Developmental Services (DS) provides services to individuals who reside in the state of Nevada who meet qualifying clinical eligibility standards and who meet federal qualification guidelines for services.
- DS provides quality services to eligible individuals throughout the lifespan – from birth until death.
- It is the mission of Desert Regional Center to support individuals in achieving a life of meaning, equality, dignity, opportunity and inclusion in the community.

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Developmental Services And Supports

- Developmental Services operates on a person-centered model and puts the individual receiving services in control of decisions about the desired outcomes for their life.
- Participation in Developmental Services is voluntary. The individual receiving services, parent and or guardian of those applying for and deemed eligible have the responsibility to attend and participate in planning meetings designed to identify desired outcomes of the individual's life, discuss various support programs and evaluate community service and support providers.
- Individuals served have the right to close their case with Developmental Services if services and supports are no longer warranted and or wanted.
- Services are delivered in a coordinated manner with natural supports systems, community providers and other supporting agencies that ensures appropriate access to meet the support needs of the individual.



Intake Process

1. Potential applicants can contact the Regional Centers to inquire about the process of applying for services.
2. An Intake specialist will discuss the application and eligibility process, review the application process, review documentation requires and assists the applicant to gather documents needed to help inform the eligibility determination as to if the individual meets eligibility requirements. Individuals apply at a Regional Center based on the area in which they live.
3. Once the information is gathered, it is reviewed by an Eligibility Review Committee.
4. If needed, psychological testing and assessment can be done by the Regional Center to inform eligibility.



Eligibility

A person may qualify for Developmental Services from the State of Nevada if she or he has a confirmed diagnosis of:

- Developmental Delay (under six years of age) with substantial limitations of adaptive behavior in 2 or more areas
- Intellectual Disability
- Developmental Disability with substantial limitations of adaptive behavior in 3 or more areas



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- Adaptive behavior is the collection of conceptual, social and practical skills that are learned and performed in everyday life. These skills change as a person grows and becomes less dependent on the help of others. At every age, certain skills are required to determine how well the individual is functioning at home, school, and in the community.

Areas of Major Life Activity:

- Self-care
- Understanding and use of language
- Learning
- Mobility
- Self-direction
- Capacity for independent living



Additional Nonqualifying Conditions

- Learning Disability, which is difficulty learning and using academic skills.
- Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder or sensory improvements such as sensory integration disorder
- Physical impairments not having origin in the brain or neurological impact.
- Neurodevelopmental disorders such as communication disorders, motor disorders, learning disorders are not qualifying conditions even though they may cause impaired social, adaptive, or cognitive functioning.



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Nevada Developmental Services offers an array of Family Support Services as well as funding for Home and Community Based Waiver Services which may include Supported Living Arrangements, Job and Day Training, Behavioral Consultation, Training and Intervention, Counseling Services, Nursing Services, Nutritional Counseling Services and Non-Medical Transportation designed to support individuals with qualifying conditions to live in their community as independently as possible.



Service Coordination

If found eligible, the case is opened, and a Service Coordinator is assigned.

Every person who has an open case with Developmental Services has a Service Coordinator.

The primary role of the Service Coordinator is to assist individuals in developing and carrying out a Person-Centered Plan (PCP); enhance self-determination and choice; and assess satisfaction, effectiveness and quality of services provided through:

Routine monitoring activities

Quarterly Reviews of satisfaction of services and PCP

Annual Review to monitor goals and service plans outlined in the PCP



Supported Living Arrangements (SLA)

- The SLA program is not a housing program. The SLA program is designed to offer residential supports to individuals receiving Regional Center services who require assistance to be successful where they live.
 - This program is designed with the goal of supporting people to live in a home of their choice as self-sufficiently as possible.
- [Intermittent SLA](#)
 - Provided to individuals while living in a home or apartment by themselves, with a roommate, or with family.
 - [24 Hour SLA](#)
 - An individual requires maximum support services where staff are present whenever there are individuals at home.
 - Individuals live in a home with roommates in a community neighborhood and share support services from the provider.
 - [Shared Living Homes](#)
 - Individuals who desire or need a family living situation receive services from a Shared Living Provider who includes the individual in their family life and daily activities.



Jobs and Day Training (JDT)

Jobs and Day Training (JDT) services provide activities and environments designed to foster the acquisition of skills necessary to perform a job task, or to provide necessary supports so individuals can maintain a job or ensure that the individual engages in meaningful activities that enhance their lives within their communities



Family Support Programs

- The Family Support Services Program was developed to assist families to care for their relatives in the family home.
- Availability of these programs are based on State availability of funds and families meeting the financial criteria based on 300% of Federal Poverty Guidelines.
- Respite
 - Respite care offers families a break from day-to-day responsibilities of caring for their loved ones. Respite can be provided in the family home, at a recreation program, or community agency.
 - All providers must initially complete the vendor registration process before services can be provided and reimbursed.
- Purchase of Service (POS)
 - Purchase of Services offers small grants to assist a family in critical need or during a crisis.
 - All funding sources and existing resources must be used by the family before POS can be issued to them.
 - Examples of critical need include:
 - Utility payment to avoid loss of utility services
 - Groceries
 - Environmental adaptation
 - Medical/Dental expenses not covered by Medicaid



Self-Directed Family Support Services

This service allows for the Regional Centers to allocate general fund dollars to qualified children (**under 18 years old**) receiving Developmental Services to purchase specialized treatment/skill building and organized programming to assist the individual/family in successful integration into their community.

Services approved for FI:

- Behavioral training/management – can be utilized in and out of the home
- Social/Recreation – Specialized day and after-school care and recreation programs (e.g., mental health focus)
- Daily Living Skills – Services not covered by Medicaid or Insurance
- Specialized Therapeutic Services – Therapy not covered by Medicaid or Insurance
- Physical fitness if the need is documented
- Specialized camps, clinics, or centers that assist the child to develop appropriate skills to integrate into their community.



Psychology Services

The Regional Centers each have a Psychological Services team that provides the following supports:

- Eligibility Assessment
- Individual Counseling
- Psychological and Behavioral Consultation
- Behavioral Consultation, Training, and Intervention
- Clinical Support
- Counseling



Nursing Services

- Nursing – Licensed RN's provide nursing assessments and team consultation



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