

DESERT REGIONAL CENTER

Desert Regional Center (DRC) is a State agency that serves children and adults living in Southern Nevada who have a diagnosis of intellectual disability or closely related developmental disabilities.

VISION

The vision of DRC is to provide accessible services and service coordination that offer supports to people that reflect their personal choice and desires. Services, choices, and opportunities will focus on best practices, community integration, family supports, and employment.

ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION FOR SERVICES

To be eligible for services, the applicant must have a bonafide documented diagnosis of intellectual disability or a closely related condition such as Cerebral Palsy, Epilepsy, Autism, or other neurological impairment that is a developmental disability occurring prior to age 22 years. In addition, the person must have substantial limitations in adaptive functioning. Adaptive skill areas include: communication, self-care, home living, social skills, community use, self-direction, health and safety, and functional academics.

Additionally, an intake interview will be completed to assist in establishing eligibility and service needs.

SERVICE VALUES

DRC provides services that support people in achieving personal goals of independence and community participation. All people deserve respect and dignity and individuals are supported in exercising choices about the kinds of services and supports they receive. DRC is committed to the philosophy that choice leads to self-respect and empowerment and that empowerment is necessary for people to develop their capabilities to be as independent as possible.

SERVICE COORDINATION

A service coordinator will help each individual to develop a support plan based upon that person's interests, personal goals, and abilities. The plan will identify specific goals and will incorporate the services of both public and private agencies of the individual's choosing.

Each individual has the assistance of a team to implement the plan of services. An annual planning meeting includes all team members who will discuss and develop supports for personal goals. The support plan is reviewed quarterly and updated as needed.

Some of the services available include the following:

a. Family Support

Assistance to help families remain together include: respite (temporary care), counseling, in-home training, and financial assistance to those qualified.

b. Employment/Vocational Training/Day Training

Job placement and vocational training help people achieve community inclusion, increased independence, and self-sufficiency.

c. Community Living Arrangements

Service coordinators assist people in identifying support needs and in arranging for needed services which can be provided in a variety of living situations that include: in the family home, apartments, shared residences, group homes, and therapeutic foster homes.

Intermediate Care Facilities (ICF-ID Homes) provide services to people who have more intense needs and require 24-hour staff support. Some of these homes are operated by the State and are located at 1391 S. Jones Blvd. Other homes are operated by private providers and are located throughout the community. These living arrangements are usually considered time-limited with the eventual goal of community living.

FEES FOR SERVICES

DRC bills the individual's Medicaid coverage for services provided. This includes the DRC Intake Assessment required to determine eligibility for services. For minors who do not have Medicaid, a co-pay for services will be determined based on a sliding fee scale which takes into account the family income and number of family members. Financial eligibility is based upon 300% of Federal Poverty Guidelines. SSI benefits for the person served by DRC will not count toward the total below.

In order to determine eligibility, DRC must have proof of income (three paycheck stubs and last year's tax return) for all members of the household. A person served who is 18 years or older is considered a household of one.

Size of Family	300% Poverty Level
1	\$ 35,010
2	\$ 47,190
3	\$ 59,370
4	\$ 71,550
5	\$ 83,730
6	\$ 95,910
7	\$ 108,090
8	\$ 120,270

For each additional person, add \$12,180.

RIGHTS

Services provided are confidential. Persons retain their rights as defined in the Nevada Revised Statutes, the Constitution of the United States, and the State/Federal regulations and legislation. Individuals and guardians are informed of their rights at the time of application for services. A detailed list of rights is provided, posted, and available to all interested persons on request.

DRC offers supports to individuals without regard to religion, national origin, sex, age, color, or disability including AIDS or AIDS-related conditions or the ability to pay for services.

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