

New Opportunities Waiver Fact Sheet

WHAT IS THE NEW OPPORTUNITIES WAIVER?

The New Opportunities Waiver (NOW) program provides services in the home and in the community to individuals 3 years of age or older who are eligible to receive OCDD waiver services.

The NOW is intended to provide specific activity-focused services rather than continuous custodial care.

IF I QUALIFY, WHAT SERVICES MAY I RECEIVE FROM THIS PROGRAM?

- Individual and Family Support (IFS) for Day, Night, Shared
 - Center-Based Respite
 - Community Integration and Development
 - Environmental Accessibility Adaptations
 - Specialized Medical Equipment
 - Supported Independent Living
 - Substitute Family Care
 - Day Habilitation and Transportation
- *Individuals will receive Support Coordination services via state plan.*

- Supported Employment and Transportation
 - Prevocational Services
 - Personal Emergency Response
 - Skilled Nursing
 - One time transitional services
 - Housing Stabilization Transition
 - Housing Stabilization
 - Monitored In-Home Care-Giving
 - Adult Companion Care
 - Professional Services
 - Expanded Dental Services for Adult Waiver Beneficiaries
- *Individuals who receive the NOW may NOT receive LT-PCS services.*

WHO CAN QUALIFY FOR SERVICES?

- Individuals who:
- Meet Louisiana Medicaid eligibility **AND**
 - Meet the Louisiana definition for developmental disability which manifested prior to age 22 (Revised Statute 25:451.2, Paragraph (11)), **AND**
 - Have an OCDD Statement of Approval **AND**
 - Meet Intermediate Care Facility- Intellectual Disability (ICF-ID) Level of Care Criteria **AND**
 - Are 3 years of age or older, **AND**
 - Whose needs cannot be met in another OCDD waiver

HOW CAN PEOPLE 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).

Home and community-based waiver opportunities are provided based on the individual's prioritized need for support, which is identified in their RFSR Screening for Urgency of Need. Individuals with the most emergent and urgent need for support will have priority.

For more information on this process, please contact your Local Governing Entity (LGE).

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES AND CONTACT INFORMATION FOR THE NEW OPPORTUNITIES WAIVER

New Opportunities Waiver Website: <https://ldh.la.gov/index.cfm/page/283>

OCDD Resource Website: <https://ldh.la.gov/index.cfm/page/138>

To locate your Local Governing Entity: <http://ldh.la.gov/index.cfm/page/134>

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

Individuals who are 18-21 years of age may access Early Periodic Screening and Diagnostic Treatment (EPSDT) services: <https://ldh.la.gov/index.cfm/page/334>

My Place Louisiana <https://ldh.la.gov/index.cfm/page/147>

OCDD Employment First Initiative: <https://ldh.la.gov/index.cfm/page/1847>