

## Supports Waiver Fact Sheet

### WHAT IS THE SUPPORTS WAIVER?

The Supports Waiver (SW) program provides services in the home and in the community to individuals **18 years of age or older**, who are eligible to receive OCDD waiver services.

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

*\*Individuals, who are 18-21 years of age may access Early Periodic Screening and Diagnostic Treatment (EPSDT) services*

*\*Individuals, 21 years of age or older, who receive the SW may also receive Long Term-Personal Care Services. (LT-PCS)*

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

- Support Coordination
- Supported Employment (individual or group)
- Day Habilitation
- Prevocational
- Habilitation
- Respite (center-based or in-home)
- Permanent Supportive Housing Transition and Stabilization
- Personal Emergency Response System (PERS)
- Expanded Dental Services for Adult Waiver Beneficiaries

*\*For more information on each service, please refer to the Supports Waiver website.*

### WHO CAN QUALIFY FOR SERVICES?

**Individuals who meet the following criteria:**

- Meet Louisiana Medicaid eligibility **AND**
- Meet the Louisiana definition for developmental disability which manifested prior to age 22 (Revised Statute 28:451.2, Paragraph (11)), **AND**
- Have an OCDD Statement of Approval **AND**
- Meet Intermediate Care Facility-Intellectual Disability (ICF-ID) Level of Care Criteria

*Individuals should contact their Local Governing Entity (LGE) in order to go through the eligibility determination process.*

## **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 waiver 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 Request for Services Registry 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 LGE.

## **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES AND CONTACT INFORMATION FOR THE SUPPORTS WAIVER**

Supports Waiver Website: <https://ldh.la.gov/index.cfm/page/1828>

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

Local Governing Entity (LGE) map: <http://ldh.la.gov/index.cfm/page/134>

OCDD State Office: 1-866-783-5553 or email at [OCDD-hcbs@la.gov](mailto:OCDD-hcbs@la.gov)

Early Periodic Screening and Diagnostic Treatment (EPSDT) services:  
<https://ldh.la.gov/index.cfm/page/334>

Long Term-Personal Care Services (LT-PCS):  
[https://ldh.la.gov/assets/docs/OAAS/publications/FactSheets/LT-PCS\\_Fact\\_Sheet.pdf](https://ldh.la.gov/assets/docs/OAAS/publications/FactSheets/LT-PCS_Fact_Sheet.pdf)

Permanent Supportive Housing Services: <https://ldh.la.gov/index.cfm/page/1732>

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