




Understanding Developmental Disability Waivers

What are they and what do they do?



What is a DD Waiver?

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- Waiver services are designed to support your vision of what you want your life to be. They help fill the gaps with resources and supports in addition to family and community.
 - Common Waiver services are Personal Assistance, Residential, Day Support and Community Engagement, Respite, and employment supports.





What is a DD Waiver? continued

- The DD waiver is short for Developmental Disability Waiver.
- There are 3 DD Waivers
 - BI Waiver – Building Independence
 - FIS Waiver – Family and Individual Support Services
 - CL Waiver – Community Living Waiver.



Building Independence Waiver (BI)

- This waiver is for adults 18 years and older who are able to live mostly independently. They do not need supports all of the time.
 - People with this waiver usually own, lease, or control their own living arrangements and supports are complemented by non-waiver-funded rent subsidies.
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Family and Individual Supports waiver (FIS)

- ❑ This waiver is available to both children and adults.
- ❑ People with this waiver may live with their family, friends, or in their own homes.
- ❑ Some people may need functional, behavioral or medical supports.
- ❑ Does not include group home or sponsored residential services
- ❑ Some services include employment, day support, in home residential, personal attendant, respite, companion (not a full list)




Community Living Waiver (CL)

- This waiver is available to both children and adults.
- People with this waiver usually require supports in their homes all the time.
- Some people may need to live in a home that has staff to support them with functional skills and/or complex medical and/or behavioral needs.
- Has the most services of all three DD Waivers and includes group home and sponsored residential services as choices. (Also includes day support, companion, employment, personal attendant, respite – not a full list)



Can anyone have a Waiver?

- ❑ No. Not everyone is eligible for one of the *Developmental Disability* Waivers. Part of what the Support Coordination Department at RACSB does is determine eligibility for the DD waiver.
- ❑ To be eligible the individual must:
 - ❑ Have a diagnosis of a developmental or intellectual disability. We must have A psychological or other evaluation that affirms that the individual meets the diagnostic criteria for developmental disability as defined in § 37.2-100 of the Code of Virginia.
 - ❑ Must meet functional eligibility. After we have received the documentation that confirms a developmental or intellectual disability, RACSB will schedule a screening to determine functional eligibility. This is determined by an assessment called the VIDES (Virginia Individual Developmental Disabilities Eligibility Survey. (the individual/family is not charged for this assessment). – it must be done face to face with the individual being assessed.



Can anyone have a Waiver? continued

- ❑ Medicaid Financial Eligibility – The individual must qualify for Medicaid to receive a waiver. (some of the financial requirements are waived with the waiver the Department of Social Services Determines this after the slot is assigned.
- ❑ Must be willing to accept services with in 30 days of offer of a DD Waiver slot
- ❑ Individual or substitute decision maker must sign the Documentation of choice between institutional care and community based services.



Important



- ❑ Not everyone who requests a DD waiver will be found eligible
- ❑ Everyone found eligible is added to a waitlist
- ❑ A committee that decides who receives the waiver picks the person who has the greatest need for the DD Waiver Services
- ❑ Some people wait for many years before they receive one of the DD waivers.

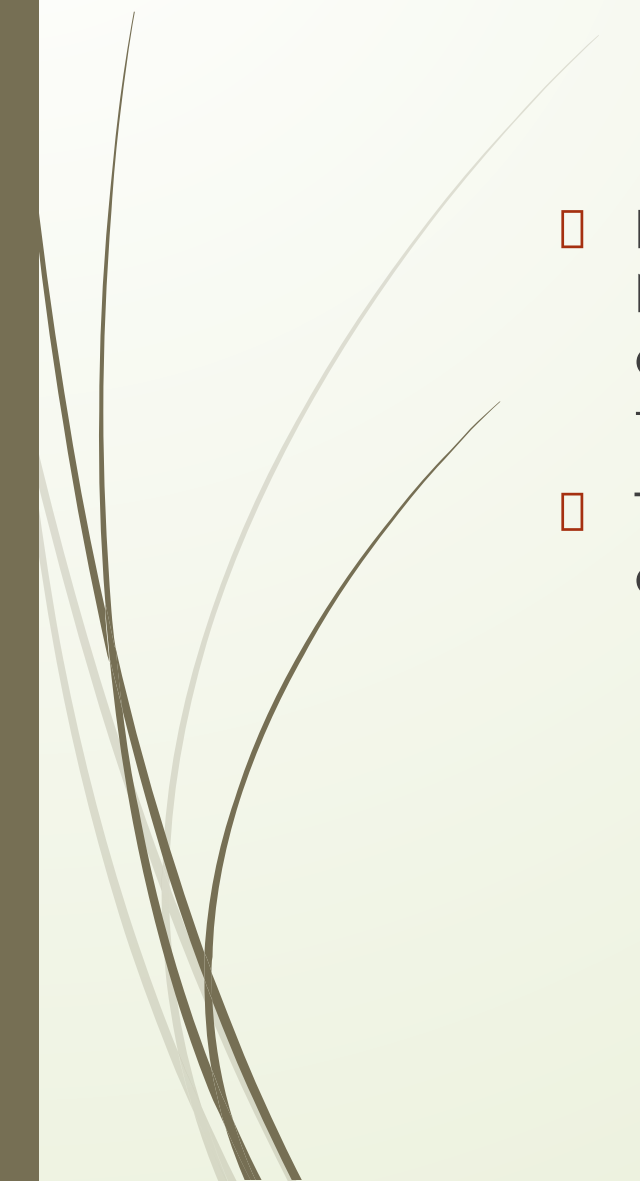


I qualify for the DD Waiver and am on the Waiting List – Now What?

- ❑ Everyone on the DD Waiver Waiting list is assessed for a Priority Level.
- ❑ There are Priority 1, Priority 2 and Priority 3
- ❑ Only those who are Priority 1 will have their information shared with the committee who selects those who will be offered a DD Waiver slot.
- ❑ There is a list of questions that will be asked at the screening for the DD Waiver that will determine Priority level – If something changes in the individual's life that makes them more urgent – contact us to update the individual's priority level



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- Everyone who qualifies as having Priority 1 status, will have a Critical Needs Summary completed – this provides a quantifiable score that determines urgency of need – the highest scores get presented to the committee who selects waiver.
 - The number of people presented to the committee for selection, is at least, double the number of waiver slots available for distribution




Once you have been offered one of the three DD Waivers:

- You will talk with your Support Coordinator about the services available to you and decide whether you are going to accept the waiver.
- If you decide to accept the Waiver, you and your Support Coordinator will work together to decide which services can help you achieve your goals and live your “good life”. You will review each of the waiver services to determine what support services you need.
- Once you have decided which services are best for you, you and your support coordinator will develop a plan for how to connect you to those services.

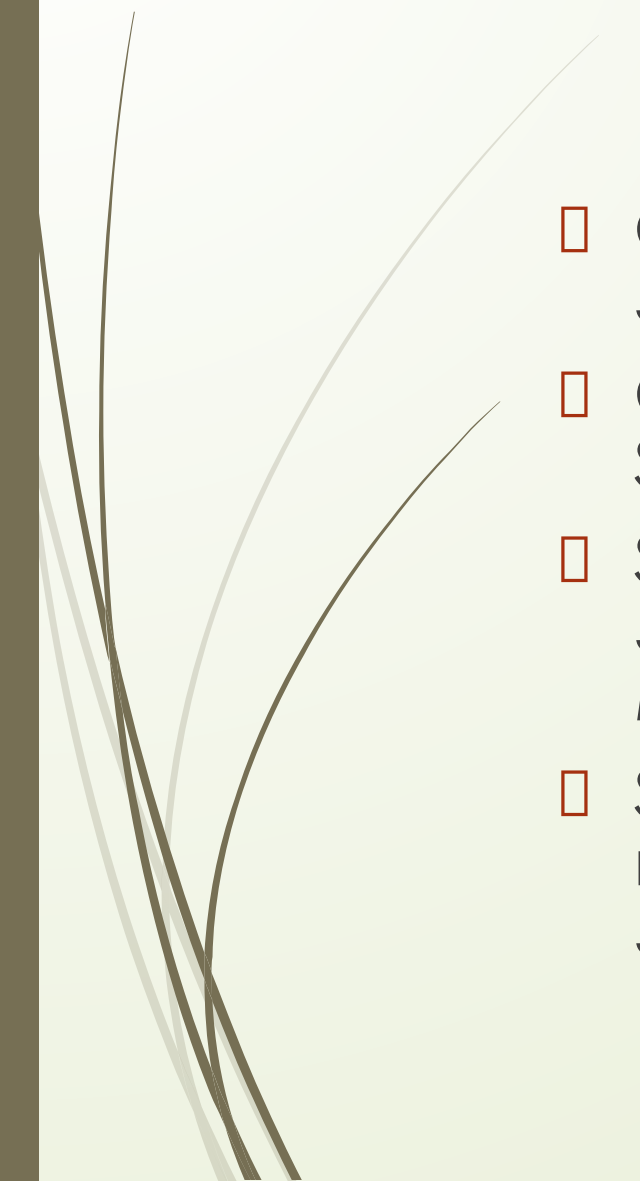


Once you have been offered one of the three DD Waivers:

- Your financial eligibility will be determined by the Department of Social Services.
- You will select the services and providers for those services and a meeting will be held to develop your person centered plan.
- The providers and support coordinator will work together to submit service authorizations so that the services can be paid by Medicaid to the provider
- Services will start
- If at any time you are not satisfied with services – please let your support coordinator know.



To be screened for a DD waiver in our area please contact:

- City of Fredericksburg – Contact Samantha Moore: 540-834-6302
 - Counties of Caroline and King George – Contact Valerie St. John 540-834-7492
 - Spotsylvania County – Contact Christina Rezendes: 540-834-7706; or if in 22408 zip code Contact Samantha Moore: 540-834-6302
 - Stafford County – contact either Kelly Kockler for last names starting A-M 540-623-7520 or Tameika Bradley 540-809-2975
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