



# Understanding the Division of Developmental Disabilities Supports Program: A Guide for Caregivers

The New Jersey Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD), serve adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) 21 years of age and over.

## What is the Supports Program?

The Supports Program is a program for individuals 21 and older with intellectual and developmental disabilities. This program provides individuals living with their families or in other unlicensed settings, supports and services through the New Jersey Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD).

## What is a Support Coordination Agency?

A support coordination agency is a DDD funded service that assists individuals in gaining access to programs and state services.

## What is a Support Coordinator?

Support Coordinators play an important role in the lives of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. They are professionals that help identify the supports an individual needs, help the individual plan for the life he/she wants, and connect the individual to services that will help him/her achieve a quality life in the community.

Eligibility	Selecting a Support Coordination Agency	Support Coordinator	Services available through supports program
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At least 21 years old</li> <li>Deemed eligible for DDD services               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DDD Intake Application <a href="http://bit.ly/applyfordddservices">bit.ly/applyfordddservices</a></li> <li>NJ CAT Assessment <a href="http://bit.ly/njcatddd">bit.ly/njcatddd</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>Has and maintains Medicaid eligibility: <a href="http://bit.ly/dddmedicaid">bit.ly/dddmedicaid</a></li> <li>Lives in an unlicensed setting – Ex. own home or family home</li> <li>Is not currently enrolled in another Medicaid waiver such as the Community Care Program (CCP) or Managed Long Term Services and Supports (MLTSS)</li> </ul> <p>Additional Resources Supports Program Policies &amp; Procedures Manual: <a href="http://bit.ly/supportsprogrammanualddd">bit.ly/supportsprogrammanualddd</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Once an individual becomes eligible for DDD services the individual may choose a Support Coordination Agency to work with or DDD will auto assign an agency to the individual</li> <li>To select an agency submit the Support Coordination Selection form (<a href="http://bit.ly/supportcoordselectionform">bit.ly/supportcoordselectionform</a>) to: <a href="mailto:DDD.SCACHoice@dhs.state.nj.us">DDD.SCACHoice@dhs.state.nj.us</a></li> <li>An individual may select a new agency at any time</li> <li>Support Coordination Agencies List: <a href="http://bit.ly/supportcoordagencylist">bit.ly/supportcoordagencylist</a></li> <li>Research and Evaluate Support Coordination Agencies: <a href="http://bit.ly/researchsupportcoord">bit.ly/researchsupportcoord</a></li> </ul>	<p>The Support Coordination Agency will assign a support coordinator and he/she will contact the individual and their family to initiate the person centered planning process. The Support Coordinator is responsible for developing and maintaining the individualized service plan (ISP) with the individual, the individual's family, and other team members designated by the individual. The Support Coordinator is responsible for monitoring services utilized by the individual.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Person-Centered Planning Tool (PCPT): <a href="http://bit.ly/dddpcpt">bit.ly/dddpcpt</a></li> <li>Individualized Service Plan (ISP): <a href="http://bit.ly/dddispplan">bit.ly/dddispplan</a></li> </ul> <p>Please Note: While an individual or family can request a specific Support Coordinator, there is no guarantee that the Support Coordination Agency will be able to assign the preferred Support Coordinator.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assistive technology</li> <li>Behavioral supports</li> <li>Career planning</li> <li>Cognitive rehabilitation</li> <li>Community based supports</li> <li>Community inclusion services</li> <li>Day habilitation</li> <li>Environmental modifications</li> <li>Goods &amp; services</li> <li>Interpreter services</li> <li>Natural support training</li> <li>Occupational therapy</li> <li>Personal Emergency response system (PERS)</li> <li>Physical therapy</li> <li>Prevocational training</li> <li>Respite</li> <li>Speech, language and hearing therapy</li> <li>Support coordination</li> <li>Supported Employment</li> <li>Supports brokerage</li> </ul>