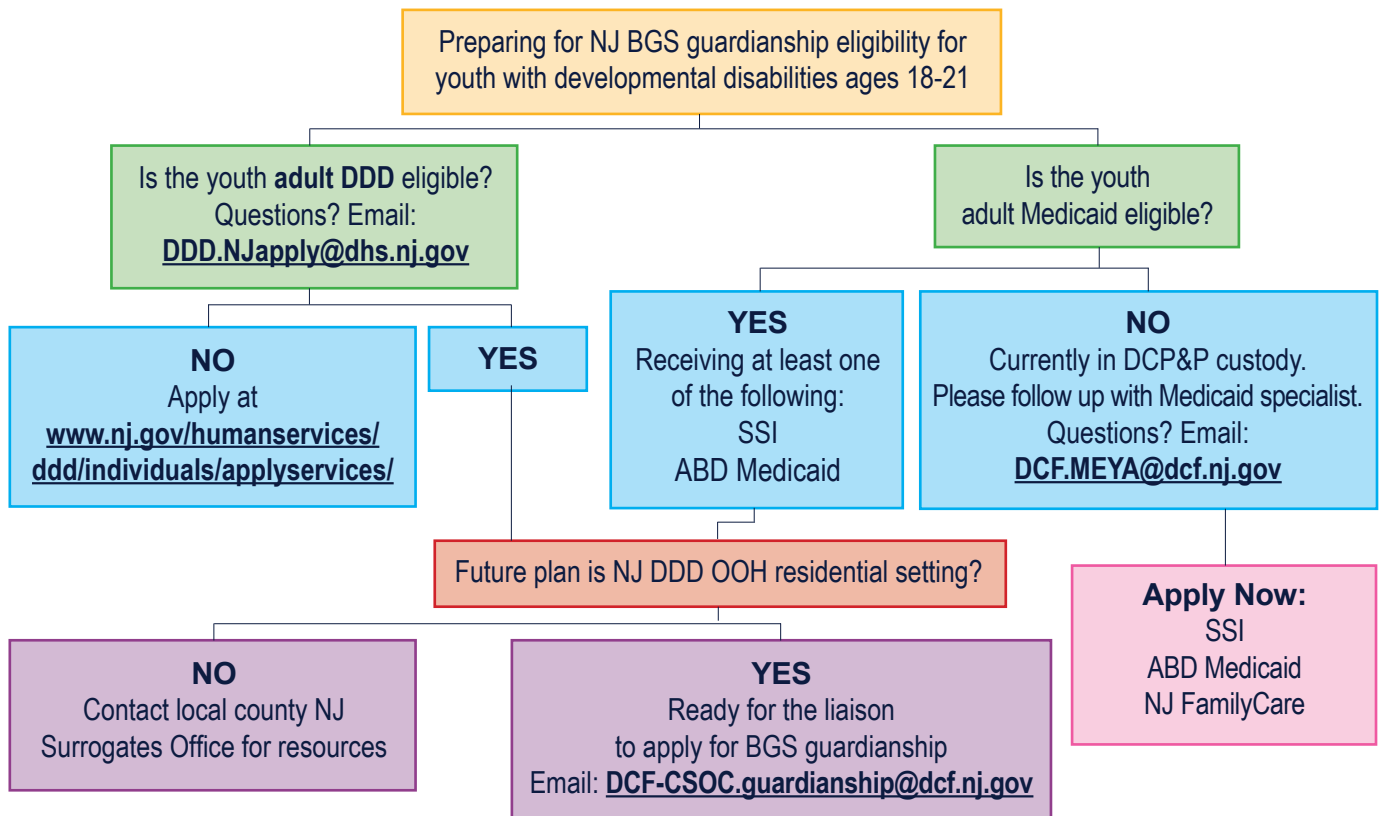# Guardianship for DD Youth Ages 18-21

DCF CSOC Guardianship Liaison responds to inquiries and assists staff in applying for Bureau of Guardianship Services (BGS) for youth who have developmental disabilities and receiving services at DCP&P and/or CSOC. The priority BGS process takes 11-12 months to be appointed a NJ State guardian.

In order to apply for BGS guardianship, the youth must:

- Be Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) eligible
- Be Adult Medicaid eligible
- Have a plan to reside in a NJ DDD setting such as a nursing home, hospital setting, group home, supervised living arrangement, etc.
- Limited or no natural family supports involved with youth

Preparing for NJ BGS guardianship eligibility for youth with developmental disabilities ages 18-21

Is the youth **adult DDD** eligible? Questions? Email: **DDD.NJapply@dhs.nj.gov**

Is the youth adult Medicaid eligible?

NO
Apply at
www.nj.gov/humanservices/ddd/individuals/applyservices/

YES

YES
Receiving at least one of the following:
SSI
ABD Medicaid

NO
Currently in DCP&P custody. Please follow up with Medicaid specialist. Questions? Email:
DCF.MEYA@dcf.nj.gov

Future plan is NJ DDD OOH residential setting?

NO
Contact local county NJ Surrogates Office for resources

YES
Ready for the liaison to apply for BGS guardianship
Email: **DCF-CSOC.guardianship@dcf.nj.gov**

Apply Now:
SSI
ABD Medicaid
NJ FamilyCare

Helpful Links

- DDD application: **www.nj.gov/humanservices/ddd/individuals/applyservices/**
- SSI Federal Medicaid **www.ssa.gov/disability/disability_starter_kits_adult_eng.htm**
- ABD Medicaid: **www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmahs/clients/medicaid/abd/**
- NJ FamilyCare: **njfamilycare.dhs.state.nj.us**
- Surrogate Information: **www.njcourts.gov/self-help/guardianship**
- CP&P Policy - Authority to Issue Consent: **CPP-III-C-9-100**

QUESTIONS?
Connect to the DCF CSOC Guardianship Liaison at: DCF-CSOC.guardianship@dcf.nj.gov

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