



2018 Family Support Camp Funding Assistance

The New Jersey Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) Family Support program may be able to provide limited funding assistance for DDD eligible individuals who are not enrolled in the Supports Program or in Fee-for-Service under the Community Care Program and plan to attend camp in 2018. As with all Division services, funding for camp is based on available resources. **The deadline to apply for camp funding assistance is Monday, May 7, 2018.**

Please note that the Division is transitioning to a Medicaid-based, fee-for-service system. For individuals not enrolled in the Supports Program or the Community Care Program-Fee-for-Service, Family Support funding for the 2018 camp season (July-August) will continue to be processed as it has been in the past. **Please see Important Note for Individuals Enrolled in Fee-for-Service on page 2.**

The Division's transition to a Fee-for-Service system is expected to be fully implemented by June 2019. Therefore, it is currently anticipated that Family Support camp funding assistance will be discontinued after the 2018 camp season; and, beginning in 2019, all camp funding will come through the individual's fee-for-service budget.

Who is Eligible to Apply for Family Support Camp Funding Assistance?

- Individuals who are eligible to receive Division-funded services and are living in their own homes with uncompensated caregivers
- Individuals who receive an individual budget for **Self Directed Day Services only and not enrolled in the Fee-for-Service Supports Program or Community Care Program** (formerly *Community Care Waiver*).

Which Camps Will Be Considered for Family Support Funding Assistance?

- Division-contracted camps
- Camps on the Division's qualified provider list

How Much Family Support Camp Funding Assistance is Available?

- The Division will attempt to provide camp funding assistance to individuals for:
- Qualified Camps:
 - Up to 6 nights of residential camp
OR
 - Up to ten days of day camp
- Contracted Camps:
 - Up to 6 nights of residential camp
OR
 - Up to 10 days of day camp
- Caregivers are encouraged to arrange to cover camp funding first through:
 - Private funds
 - Contacting local township recreation departments
 - Contacting civic groups (e.g., Elks, Shriners, etc.)
 - Camp scholarship funds that may be available through organizations like United Way

Additional Information About Family Support Camp Funding Assistance

- The deadline for submitting requests for camp funding assistance from the Division of Developmental Disabilities is **Monday, May 7, 2018**.
- **Camp funding assistance from the Division is not guaranteed** and caregivers should always consider their ability to afford any and all registered camp dates.
- The Division does not provide assistance with the following camp-related costs:
 - registration fees
 - transportation
 - the cost of trips taken during the camp stay
- Some camps require caregivers to remit full camp payment in advance, promising reimbursement to the caregiver once funding assistance payment is received from the Division.
 - Please note that the New Jersey Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) **is not responsible** for any promised reimbursements from camps that require advance payment.
 - Caregivers can attempt to negotiate with camps and request that camps rely on the Division's payment system, but this negotiation is undertaken privately by the caregiver.

How Do We Request Family Support Camp Funding Assistance from the Division?

- Individuals must register for camp prior to submitting a request to the Division for camp funding assistance.
- Individuals must provide the Division with a copy of the camp registration form and/or camp acceptance letter.
- Requests to the Division for camp funding assistance should be submitted to the assigned Division contact:
 - The individual's Division case manager
 - The individual's Support CoordinatorOR
 - If neither of the above is your Division contact, the request can be submitted to an Information and Referral Specialist at the Division of Disability Services' Office of Information and Assistance Services (phone: 888.285.3036).

When Will Caregivers be Notified?

When a request for camp funding assistance is approved by the Division, caregivers will be notified by the camp. The caregiver will work directly with the camp to finalize details.

When Will Family Support Camp Funding Assistance Payment be Made?

Requests for camp funding assistance that are approved by the Division will be paid directly to the camp after the individual's camp session has ended.

IMPORTANT NOTE FOR INDIVIDUALS ENROLLED IN FEE-FOR-SERVICE

Supports Program: Individuals enrolled in the Supports Program will access camp through their Supports Program budget. The appropriate service (Respite-Day Camp Only or Respite-Overnight Camp) must be prior authorized through the Individualized Service Plan.

Community Care Program (CCP): Individuals enrolled in the CCP who have transitioned into fee-for-service will access camp through their new fee-for-service budget. The appropriate service (Respite-Day Camp Only or Respite-Overnight Camp) must be prior authorized through the Individualized Service Plan.