

COUNTY SERVICES FOR CHILDREN WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Eligibility for Services:

In order for a child to be eligible for county developmental disability services, a child must meet the diagnostic definitions outlined in MN Statute 9525.0016 for one of the following:

- **Developmental Disability:** A person who has:
 - Substantial limitations in present functioning, and
 - Sub-average intellectual functioning (IQ of 70 or below), and
 - Deficits in adaptive behavior
 - Symptoms were present before the age of 22
 - Automatically eligible of have diagnosis of Down's Syndrome

- **Related Condition:** A person diagnosed with a severe, chronic disability that meets all of the following conditions:
 - The disability is attributed to cerebral palsy, epilepsy, autism, Prader-Wille syndrome, fetal alcohol spectrum disorder or any other condition other than mental illness (mental illness does not include autism spectrum disorders) or an emotional disturbance,
 - The disability is found to be closely related to developmental disability because the condition results in impairment of general intellectual functioning or adaptive behavior similar to that of persons with developmental disability, and requires treatment or services similar to those required for persons with developmental disability,
 - The disability is likely to continue indefinitely
 - The disability was diagnosed before the age of 22
 - The disability results in substantial limitations in three or more of the following areas of major life activity:
 - Self-care
 - Understanding and use of language
 - Learning
 - Mobility
 - Self-direction or
 - Capacity for independent living

Definitions:

Deficits in Adaptive Behavior: A significant limitation in an individual's ability to meet the standards of maturation, learning, and personal independence and social responsibility expected for the individual's age level and cultural group, as determined by clinical assessment and, generally, standardized scales.

Substantial Functional Limitations: Long term inability to significantly perform an activity or task.