



DEVELOPMENTAL PATHWAYS...

INTAKE AND ELIGIBILITY PROCESS

IN COLORADO, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY IS DEFINED AS A DISABILITY THAT:

- Occurs before the person reaches 22 years of age.
- Substantially impacts the person's daily life.
- Is caused by mental retardation or related conditions; for example, Cerebral Palsy, Autism, Down Syndrome, epilepsy or other neurological conditions.
- Impairs the person's general intellectual functioning: IQ 70 or below.
- Significantly limits daily living skills in two or more areas.

STEP 1, REFERRAL

Referrals for developmental disability services with Developmental Pathways come from a variety of sources including schools, doctors, agencies, friends, neighbors, family, self-referral or walk-ins. Contact a Developmental Pathways Intake Coordinator at, 303-858-2260.

STEP 2, CONTACT WITH INTAKE COORDINATOR

After receiving a referral, a Developmental Pathways Intake Coordinator will contact you and talk with you about your needs, your services and eligibility for Pathways programs. If you feel you will not meet the eligibility requirements the Intake Coordinator can refer you to appropriate resources or options to meet your needs. If you decide that you would like to apply for Developmental Pathways services, you will need to complete a packet to determine eligibility.

STEP 3, APPLICATION TO DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY

The Intake Coordinator will set up a face-to-face meeting with you to complete an application packet. The packet includes information such as medical history, family information, and current supports. There are also Release of Information forms that will allow the Intake Coordinator to gather information to determine eligibility. The Intake Coordinator will also develop an Individual Plan, which will give a global picture of the applicant including long term goals, needs and desired services and supports during this meeting.

STEP 4, ELIGIBILITY

The Intake Coordinator will gather and review information with your application to determine eligibility. In most cases, the Intake Coordinator is able to gather pertinent information to make a clear decision on eligibility. In other cases, the Eligibility Review Committee reviews the information. If you are found not eligible you will be notified of this decision, given further recommendations and an explanation of your right to appeal the decision. If you are eligible for services, you will be notified and placed on a waiting list.

STEP 5, WAITING LIST

Unfortunately, there is currently a waiting list for funding for our services. Your placement on the waiting list is determined by your eligibility date. Although there will not be immediate funding for these supports, your Intake Coordinator may be able to suggest alternative community resources. While on the waiting list, you will be contacted once a year to review your resource needs and goals, and exchange current contact information.

STEP 6, ENROLLMENT

When funding is available, you will be notified and assisted with enrollment into services. You will meet with your Waitlist Resource Coordinator and create your Individual Plan to help you meet your needs and reach your goals.



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