

Applying for services from your Community Centered Board in Arapahoe and Douglas Counties and the City of Aurora

The following are some resources to connect with when initially applying for services for your family member with intellectual disabilities. If you need assistance and/or help with this, please let me know.

Developmental Pathways (DP): Developmental Pathways is the door for entrance into the Colorado system that serves individuals with developmental disabilities. (Developmental disabilities are defined as disabilities that are present before the age of 22, such as intellectual disabilities (mental retardation) or related conditions like epilepsy, cerebral palsy, autism, Down syndrome, and other neurological diagnoses.

To access services for such individuals in Arapahoe County, Douglas County, or the city of Aurora, one must connect with Developmental Pathways intake coordination. Including Developmental Pathways, there are 20 community centered boards (CCBs) in Colorado, who contract with the State of Colorado to provide resource coordination, residential, vocational, and other related services for children, adults, and families who have family members with developmental disabilities.

DEVELOPMENTAL PATHWAYS INTAKE COORDINATION: 303-858-2260

When you connect with the intake coordinator, he/she will guide you through a short screening interview. After that, if you feel your family member will meet the criteria for eligibility, the intake coordinator will mail an application packet to be completed and returned for eligibility consideration by an eligibility committee of Developmental Pathways. Once the completed application is returned to Developmental Pathways, it will be reviewed by the committee. You will receive a letter notifying you of your family member's eligibility status and wait list placement. A wait list resource coordinator will be appointed.

Unfortunately, there is a long waiting list for services. You can receive some assistance from DP related to applying for SSI benefits that your family member may be eligible for from the resource coordinator. At 14, the person's name will be placed on a waiting list for adult comprehensive services (residential and/or vocational services), if you want.

Below there are some additional supports you may want to consider:

You may have insurance already for your family member but it may not cover everything. Medicaid is a government insurance plan that your family member may be eligible for. It is a plan that could pick up what your private insurance does not pay for, if your family member meets their eligibility criteria. Access is described below.

Supplemental Security Income and Medicaid/ or Medicaid waivers, like Model 200 and the Children's Extensive Services Waiver (CES):

While your initial application for your family member to receive DP's services is being processed, you can contact your local

Social Security Administration at 1-800-772-1213

The Social Security Administration will also conduct a short interview process by which they may rule, because of your income, your family member would not be eligible to apply for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Medicaid. If this happens, ask for the denial in writing to your home. If your family member is eligible, then proceed with the application process supplied by the Social Security Administration.

If denied by the Social Security Administration:

Once you receive the letter of denial provided by the Social Security Administration, with denial letter in hand, you can proceed next to your local Department of Human Services office (in Castle Rock) to apply for Model 200 (a Medicaid plan that will allow parental income NOT to be a part of the eligibility process). Under special conditions (for example, because Joseph's epilepsy may interrupt your sleep time frequently), your waitlist coordinator can assist with your application for the Children's Extensive Waiver (CES) for more intense Medicaid resources than available through Model 200. Below is how Developmental Pathways describes CES.

Children's Extensive Support (Birth to 18)

Provides targeted services and supports in the child's home and community to enable a child with extensive behavioral or medical needs to remain in a safe, nurturing environment with their family or caretaker.

Please contact our office if you have any questions or if we can assist in any way; 303-220-9228

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