



The Medicaid Waiver Program and The Agency for Persons With Disabilities (APD)

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In October 2004, the Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) became an agency separate from the Department of Children and Families, specifically tasked with serving the needs of Floridians with developmental disabilities. Prior to that time, it existed as the Developmental Disabilities Program.

APD supports individuals with Intellectual and/or Developmental Disabilities (IDD) under Florida's Medicaid Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Waiver Program.

Individuals may choose to receive services in the community through two types of waivers:

- iBudget
- Consumer-Directed Care Plus (CDC+) - requires training, must enroll

An additional option is an institutional setting known as an Intermediate Care Facility for the Developmentally Disabled (ICF/DD).

Typically, you begin receiving services with the iBudget - Ideally it is simple and easy. Most individuals stay on iBudget and hesitate to consider CDC+ for multiple reasons.



Good Waiver Support Coordination is key to both Waivers

- With ibudget you will get a budget and set amount of funds for the waiver services
- APD will determine your individual ibudget after considering several factors, including:
 - Age
 - Living situation (whether you live with family, in your own home, or in a group home)
 - Kind of support that you need according the agency-approved assessment, called the Questionnaire for Situational Information (QSI).

Why Apply for the Agency for Persons

Current Status for class at
North Florida School of Special
Education (NFSSE)

1 on Medwaiver / 8 Pre-enrolled or on Waitlist / 6 have not applied

▶ **Resources You have:**

▶ Guide to Service Brochure

▶ <https://apd.myflorida.com/brochures/Guide%20to%20Service%20BrochureA2013.pdf>

▶ <https://apd.myflorida.com/docs/APD%20-%20APPLICATION%20Process%20190325.pdf>

▶ For Children under 18 - access to Medicaid

▶ Respite

▶ Behavioral Services

▶ Therapies

▶ For Adults - over 18

▶ The only long-term funding for any services at home and in the community

APD - Who is eligible to apply

Must be 3 or older

▶ Home and Community Based Waiver (HCBW)

- ▶ Down syndrome
- ▶ Intellectual Disability (Full Scale IQ of 70 or below)
- ▶ Autism - severe forms
- ▶ Prader Willie syndrome
- ▶ Cerebral Palsy
- ▶ Phalem-McDermid
- ▶ Spina Bifida (cystica or myelomeningocele)
- ▶ Individuals between ages 3-5 at risk for a developmental disability

<https://www.apd.myflorida.com/customers/application/>

Documents needed to apply APD

► www.apd.myflorida.com

As part of the application process APD will request proof of a Developmental Disability Prior to age 18

Intellectual Disability: (IQ below 70)

- All psychological evaluations, with a least one with Intelligence Quotient (IQ) score or Full-Scale IQ (FSIQ) score
- **All** Individual Education Plans (IEPs) from school and other reports
- **All** therapy reports (Occupational, Physical, Speech, etc.)
- **Any** psychiatric evaluations

Autism:

- **All** psychological evaluations completed at age of 3 to present. (Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule (ADOS) evaluation)
- **All** psychiatric evaluations and Records from psychiatric admissions
- **All** IEPs from school and other reports

All others:

Down syndrome, Spina Bifida (Myelomeningocele or cystica), Cerebral Palsy, Prader-Willi syndrome, Phelan McDermid or high risk 3-5 year olds

Medical documentation and/or chromosomal records (Karyotype for Down syndrome)

- At least one IEP from school
- At least one psychological evaluation, if any had been completed



If you recently applied to APD and did not send ALL the required information, contact APD Eligibility to determine the status of your application.

APD informed The Arc Jacksonville in December 2023 that individuals that did not send in all the required records would be contacted and given opportunity to send it in. Your application is either incomplete and you will receive a request for additional information, or you will be denied for failure to provide the necessary documents as requested.

You also must submit copies: birth certificate, Florida ID (school ID if under 16 is ok), Social Security Card, proof of Guardianship(if applicable), proof of residency (if new to Florida).

- **School Records may consist of:**
 - Individualized Education Plan (IEP)
 - 504 Plan (Accommodations)
 - Family Service Plan (FSP) (Early Intervention Services)

APD has 60 days after receipt of a complete application to make an eligibility determination

Already on the Waitlist or Pre-enrollment List

- You should hear from APD annually by phone or letter - give them important updates
- If there are changes in behaviors, loss of abilities, concerns - Keep track of them
- Keep your address, phone and email current - never give them a reason to not find you

If you haven't heard from APD call and see why?

Understanding the Pre-Enroll / Waiting List

▶ Categories

▶ Pre-Enrollment Priority Categories - Florida Statutes 393.065(5)

▶ [https://www.apd.myflorida.com/customers/preenrollment/docs/PRE-ENROLLMENT%20PRIORITY%20CATEGORIES%20-%20F.S.%20393.065\(5\)%20230701.pdf](https://www.apd.myflorida.com/customers/preenrollment/docs/PRE-ENROLLMENT%20PRIORITY%20CATEGORIES%20-%20F.S.%20393.065(5)%20230701.pdf)

▶ Limited Services are available while pre-enrolled

▶ Employment Services/supports

▶ ABA

▶ Dental (when offered)

▶ Respite (if under 18)

▶ Pre-Enrollment Prioritization Tool

▶ <https://www.apd.myflorida.com/customers/preenrollment/docs/Final%20Prioritization%20Tool%20March%2015%202013.pdf>

▶ Questionnaire for Situational Information (QSI)

▶ Brochure - <https://apd.myflorida.com/brochures/qsi-and-you-brochure.pdf>

▶ QSI Version 4.0 - <https://apd.myflorida.com/waiver/docs/15-05-21,%20qsi-version-4.pdf>

Services are Need Based

What does that mean?

Contact APD

- Stay in touch with APD while on the waiting list -
 - You should receive an annual call or letter by APD.
 - Communicate changes - behaviors, needs, aggression,
 - Caretaker unable to provide care - issues involving health of someone in the home
 - Changes in address, phone number and email
 - Has your child turned 18 - Is there now a Guardianship / POA documents should be forwarded
 - Hospitalizations and Baker Acts

Hope Florida - 850-300-Hope (4673)

<https://apd.myflorida.com/hopeflorida/index.htm>

APD Services - You got approved for Services

You will be notified by letter that you will be getting services with instructions to pick a Waiver Support Coordinator within 30 days. A list of available WSC will also be provided.

Decisions need to be made, you need to act quickly:

- ▶ Waiver Support Coordinator - How to choose?
 - ▶ Talk to other parents getting services
 - ▶ Make phone calls and meetings
 - ▶ Use the Waiver Support Coordinator Scorecard
 - ▶ <https://scorecard.apd.myflorida.com/>

Questions

1. What is it and how to apply?
2. How to get started?
3. What's next after you are on the list and what is the actual time frame for services?
4. When does your position (on the waitlist) change and do you need an appointment for it?
5. What is it? My son came to us already on the program.
6. I recently applied. Waiting on follow up/next steps.
7. How can you confirm that you are on the wait list?
8. Process to apply or push for funding after 22y/o or in crisis?

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For more information, please contact us below:

Family Care Council Area 4

Meeting Location

The Arc Jacksonville - Conference Room
1050 North Davis Street
Jacksonville, FL 32209



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The mission of the Family Care Council Florida is to educate and empower individuals with developmental disabilities and their families, partnering with the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, to bring quality services to individuals with dignity and choice.

A Developmental Disability is a term that refers to a variety of conditions that interfere with a person's ability to function in everyday activities. Chapter 393, Florida Statutes, defines developmental disabilities as:

Autism • Cerebral Palsy • Down Syndrome
Intellectual Disability • Prader-Willi Syndrome
Spina Bifida • High-Risk (3-5 Years)
Phelan-McDermid Syndrome



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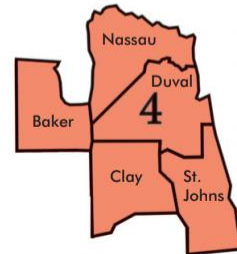


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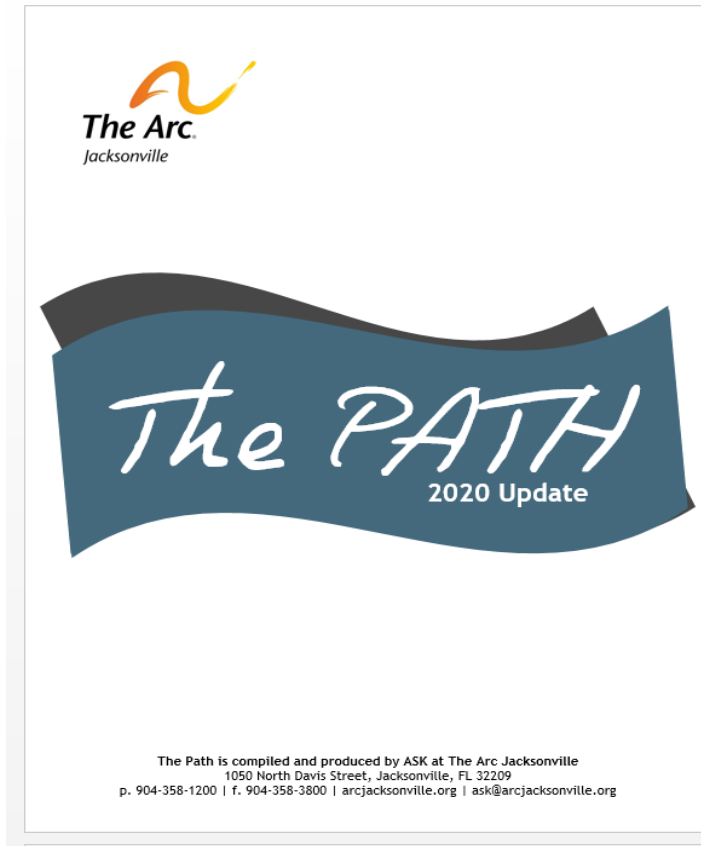
Family Care Council Area 4 consists of Baker, Clay, Duval, Nassau and St. John counties.

Family Care Council Area 4 helps educate our local community and serves as a resource for these individuals while promoting community involvement for those with disabilities.



Family Care Council Area 4 (FCCA4)

Meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Get on the email listserve by providing your information to ask@arcjacksonville.org or FCCA4@outlook.com



The PATH

<https://arcjacksonville.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/12-5-2022-2023-update.pdf>

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